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TIME FOR MORE DECONTROL

GOVERNMENT has agreed to review the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance at the request of the Unofficial members of Legislative Council. This has caused protests though they have been not nearly as vociferous as those which persuaded the Unofficials to petition Government to withdraw a proposed amendment to the ordinance in 1956. Perhaps the strongest argument in favour of limited decontrol, made by Dr S.N. Chau in the budget debate, was that today 60 per cent of all domestic accommodation in the urban area is of postwar construction. And he feels, with justification, that demand for high grade accommodation has been largely satisfied.

The fact that the Unofficials have led the move is significant. In 1953 and 1956 they counselled caution. That they can today sponsor such a request is perhaps indicative that the decontrol they urge would not cause widespread hardship; the people who are being asked to pay more rent are largely those who can afford it. They specifically exclude low-cost housing which was included in the 1956 amendment. The request insofar as domestic premises, is therefore reasonable.

WHAT Government will need to study more carefully is the request for decontrol of business premises. Here the effect would be more severely felt and Government would be wise to consider, instead of full decontrol, proposals similar to those made in the 1956 amendment, i.e. two per cent which would bring the total increase of the standard rent since 1947 to 200 per cent. In his speech introducing the legislation in 1956, Mr C. B. Burgess, the Colonial Secretary, estimated that the average increase in rent as a result of the amendment would amount to a total of about \$52 a month, that is \$26 for each 25 per cent increase. It is now more than five years since an increase was permitted in pre-war rents. This is the longest interval between amendments. Assuming Government still adheres to the principles laid down by the McNeill Committee, the increase should be increased by stages with the aim of complete decontrol as soon as circumstances permit — there is a case now for further amending legislation.

THE request that rents on low grade premises should be left untouched is a little sanctimonious. Landlords in this category will feel considerably put out. As Mr Burgess argued in his 1956 speech, landlords are responsible for all necessary repairs. All controlled premises are at least 15 years old, while the lowest grade are possibly oldest and in the most dilapidated condition, and consequently in most need of repair. Yet the landlord cannot charge the little extra (the 1956 amendment would have allowed an average of about \$11 a month for a tenement floor) that might enable him to carry out some work. The counter argument is that landlords tend to shirk repairs anyway, so why allow them to charge more. If compulsion to effect repairs were possible there would be greater justification. Meanwhile the effect of rent controls on slum clearance and housing redevelopment needs to be examined. A comprehensive policy statement is then needed.

ISRAEL ORDERS MOBILISATION... THEN SYRIA MIDDLE EAST ALARM

Partial Call-Up Without Warning

London, April 1. Israel and Syria broadcast immediate mobilisation orders for key army reserve units tonight. There was no immediate explanation of the drastic moves in a Middle East already at tinderbox temperature over events in Iraq.

Israel moved first, broadcasting orders for three reserve units to report in full strength by 5 p.m. tomorrow. Syria followed approximately an hour later. Damascus radio broke into a religious broadcast to order all active duty troops back from leave and activate five reserve units within 24 hours.

Arab Rift

The partial mobilisation came without warning on the eve of a scheduled Arab League meeting in Beirut to discuss the Arab rift over Iraq. Damascus radio said in Israel, which first alerted the Israeli call-up order at 9 p.m. later stated the move was "for regular army training" and no special significance was to be attached to it.

No major incident involving the always-tense Israeli-Syrian truce line had been reported in recent days.

Far-Reaching

But within two hours Damascus radio had signalled what appeared to be a more far-reaching mobilisation order. The First Army command, which comprises Syrian forces in the U.A.R. declared: "All military personnel on leave shall return to units immediately upon hearing this proclamation."

All reservists assigned to units designated by the following numbers: 40, 30, 25, 750 and 430, shall join their units by tomorrow morning, April 2, 1959, and shall report to their specified locations within 24 hours.

Montebello Still 'Hot'

Melbourne, April 1. The island of Montebello, off the northwest coast of Australia, is still "dangerously radioactive," almost three years after British atomic tests were held there, the Australian radio said here today.

The Montebello Island group area is still a forbidden zone, France-Press.

Rivals To Clash

Singapore, April 1. The Chief Minister of Singapore, Mr Lim Yew-hock, and the former Chief Minister, Mr David Marshall, will clash in the island's forthcoming general elections.

Hamilton Estate

London, April 1. Dennis Hamilton, estranged husband of film actress Diana Dors, who died of a heart complaint last January, aged 38, left all his property, gross value £18,500, net value £8,840 to his father and mother, Reuters.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY HERE



Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury, with his wife and the Bishop of Hongkong, the Rt. Rev. R. D. Hall, at Kai Tak this morning. The Primate on England and his wife will stay here till Monday. Those behind the Archbishop are from left to right, Mr E. B. Teesdale, Mrs F. S. Temple, Dean F. S. Temple, Archdeacon Lee Kau-yan and Col H. Owen-Hughes. —China Mail Photo.

Primate Of England Arrives In Hongkong

Dr Geoffrey Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury, arrived at Kai Tak this morning for a four-day visit. It is the first time an Archbishop of Canterbury, who is Primate of all England, has visited the Colony.

MELBOURNE TRIES THE BIG SQUEEZE

Melbourne, April 1. Twenty-five University of Melbourne students squeezed into one telephone box — with a telephone in it — today and claimed a world record.

They admitted that 27 United States students recently crowded into one box, but said there was no telephone in that box. The crush in today's effort was so great that no one was able to dial a number, —China Mail Special.

Mystery Bang

London, April 1. An explosion of unknown origin rocked the West Norfolk region today, in an area where the U.S. atomic bomber base of Sculthorpe is located. Several fire brigades were alerted.

U.S. Retaliation

Washington, April 1. The United States today clamped an almost complete ban on travel of Soviet officials in this country in retaliation for a similar ban on American Embassy personnel in Russia. —U.P.I.

It's Stupid

He will remain in Hongkong until Monday, when he leaves for Tokyo to attend the Centenary Celebrations of the Japanese Anglican Church. The only comment he would make about Tibet: "Like most other things in this world, it is stupid. That is all I am going to say."

Dr Fisher said he had landed in Calcutta 10 days ago, and during his visit, had been to Lahore. "I am deeply impressed by the vigour with which Pakistan is tackling its problems."

Impression

"We had a lot of heat, some rain and unnumerable engagements. "Asking my impression of it is like asking a man who has been at the bottom of a rugby scrum for 10 minutes with everybody mulling about on top of him."

GLOBAL JET SERVICE FLIGHT U.S. Carriers Will Lose £4.5m Yearly If Boac's Tokyo-Stop Allowed

NWA CLAIM

Washington, April 1. An American airline declared today that the United States Government would be sponsoring a \$4,640,000 a year "giveaway" if it permitted British Overseas Airways Corporation planes to land at Tokyo on a global jet service.

Northwest Airlines, a major United States trans-Pacific operator, told a Civil Aeronautics Board hearing that this was the amount American carriers would lose to Boac.

Even as the hearing was being held in Washington, a Boac turbo-prop Britannia was making an inaugural eastward flight to Tokyo by way of New York, San Francisco and Honolulu.

HK RIGHTS

Officials here said that it would probably be at least a month before the CAB gave its decision in the case. Mr C. L. Stewart, a Vice-President of Northwest Airlines, told the hearing that British had repeatedly refused to allow Northwest Airlines entry to

RED TROOPS POUR INTO TIBET

London, April 1. China is airlifting thousands of troops into Tibet, in a big build-up of forces apparently indicating an all-out effort to put down the revolt, according to reports reaching the Indian frontier town of Kalimpong tonight.

Usually reliable sources there said Chinese fighter planes were also patrolling over rebel-held southeast Tibet, trying to locate the fleeing Dalai Lama, Tibet's "God King," as he makes for the border with his family and government.

The sources discounted rumours that the Dalai Lama might have already reached safety in Bhutan State, which is in treaty relations with India, and that Chinese paratroops had been dropped over the mountainous, thickly-forested area to intercept him.

Asylum

Reliable sources said that the Dalai Lama would be granted temporary asylum in Bhutan if he decides to leave Tibet. They said the Communists had meanwhile carried off between 5,000 and 10,000 Tibetans from Lhasa, taking them away by truck apparently to forced labour.

Those arrested included all village headmen, the sources said. In Peking, the official New China News Agency reported pro-Chinese meetings had been held in a number of Tibetan towns and quoted the Panchen Lama as having told a meeting on Monday he hoped for the early "liberation from rebel control" of the Dalai Lama.

Pressure

Meanwhile in New York the 23-year-old Dalai Lama's elder brother, Mr Thubten Norbu, 37, told a press conference the Chinese tried to bring pressure on him in 1950 to get the Dalai on their side in suppressing the Tibetan way of life.

But Mr Norbu refused and, he said, the Dalai was neither for the Communists nor the rebels, but "for the Tibetan people."

In Taipei, the Chinese Nationalists offered to take in the Tibetan refugees stranded on India's border who wish to come to Formosa for resettlement. —Reuters and U.P.I.



The Australian Minister of External Affairs, Mr R. G. Casey being met on his arrival here this morning by Mr Peter English, ADC to the Governor. —China Mail Photo.

Tibet: Tragic And Grievous, Says Casey

The suppression of the Tibetan revolt was further evidence of the lack of consideration by the Chinese Communists for the rights of free people, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Mr R. G. Casey, said after his arrival in the Colony this morning.

Mr Casey is passing through Hongkong after a nine-day visit to Japan and South Korea. He will leave Kai Tak this afternoon for a 24-hour stay in Singapore. Then he will fly to Melbourne and Wellington, in New Zealand, to lead the Australian delegation to the annual South Seas meeting.

Mr Casey said Tibet was the subject of "pretty intensive international discussion by the free world. It is most grievous and tragic, and it came as a dreadful shock. It is further evidence on the Hungarian model," he said.

The Australian Minister said that all Southeast Asian countries would be discussed at the forthcoming Sento conference, with particular reference to Communist subversion efforts in S. E. Asia. He said there was no doubt as to the value of Sento as a deterrent to aggression.

Quiet

"The fact that S.E. Asia has been relatively quiet from the military point of view, is an endorsement of its value," he said. In his opinion, Communist China was not a direct threat to S.E. Asia or Australia, but

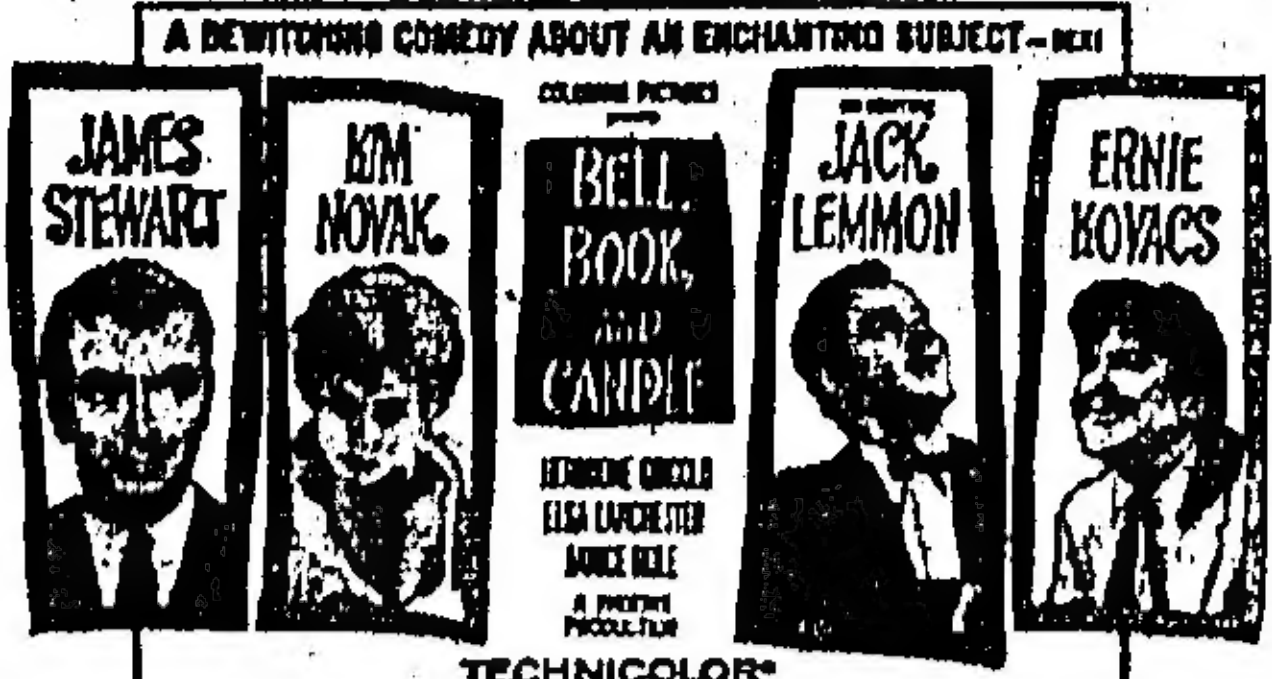
A Link

He said he had taken with him to Japan a senior scientific officer of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (Csiro) to make contact with Japanese scientific organisations and to create a link between Australia and Japanese scientific research for the future. He said the officer, Mr R. Gresham, had remained in Japan to discuss wool research with Japanese scientists.

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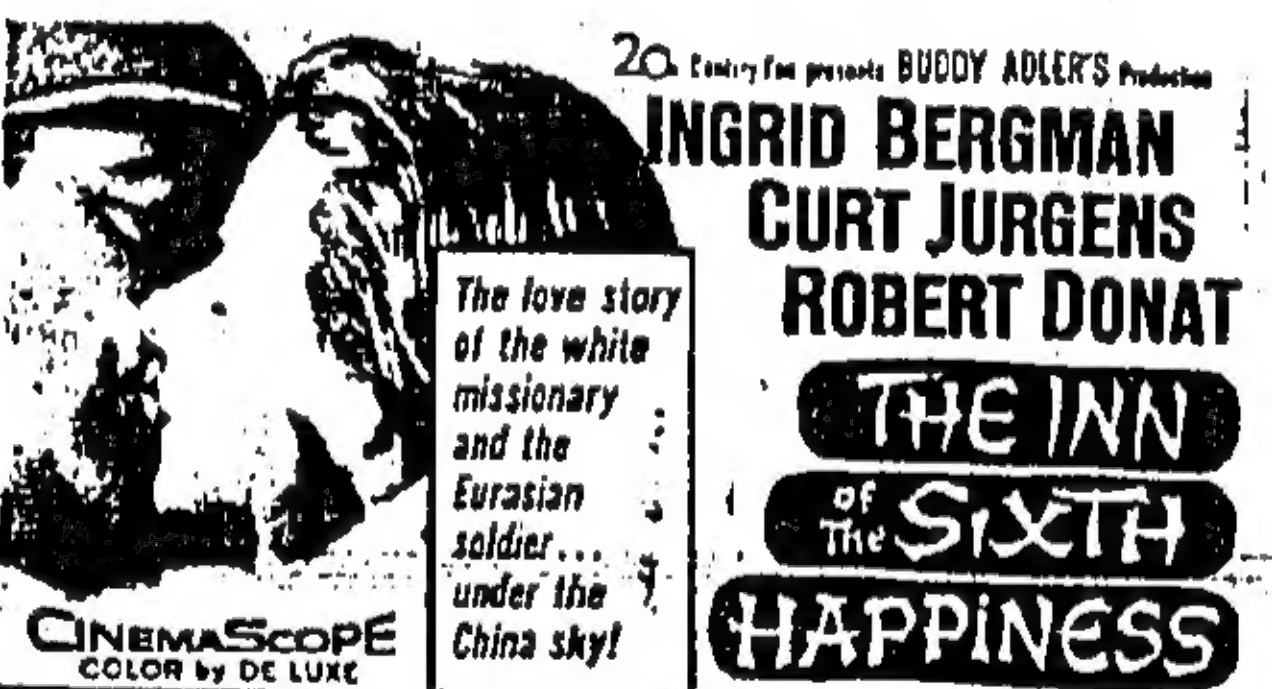
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A Profile

The Schoolmaster Who Became Archbishop

DR GEOFFREY FISHER, Archbishop of Canterbury has been described as "the least political of the Archbishops in this century."

This does not mean, however, that he will be judged the least controversial. When necessary he has spoken frankly and often this has earned sharp criticism, particularly from the popular press.

Controversy

One of the most recent controversies centred around the decision of the Church of England to invite Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus, who is an Orthodox Church there, to England for the Lambeth Conference, for which Dr. Fisher was severely criticised. The Archbishop, countered by saying that the decision was taken on ecclesiastical, not political grounds and it would have been political not to have asked him. Again, he was accused of not taking a strong enough stand on Makarios's associations with the Enosis campaign in Cyprus.

But here is a comment by a leading British journalist, William Clark, who has described Dr. Fisher as "the least political of the Archbishops of this century."

Preparation

"Dr. Fisher does not believe that man's political setting is the most important, or even a very important condition of his real spiritual welfare. His philosophic thinking, wherever it emerges into his speech, which is rare, is unexpectedly transcendental. For him, the world is really only a preparation for the next."

Dr. Fisher has never been a parish priest. But since the age of 27 he has been in various positions of authority. At that young age, just as World War I began, he became headmaster of Repton, one of the best known of Britain's smaller public schools.

He held that post for 16 years and he married a daughter of a Repton master, who was also the grandfather of a Repton headmaster.

Breezy

Writing on the Archbishop, Clark said: "Much of the Archbishop's breezy style of speaking, his slightly over-candid manner, comes from this long period of dealing with boys, ministers and parents in a never-ending stream. To all of them he was the ultimate authority."

who had to be firm but did not wish to be strict. "It was very much as a headmaster, too, that Dr. Fisher took one of the bravest decisions in his life, which was publicly in Convocation to rebuke the Bishop of Birmingham for his extremely modernistic interpretation of Church dogma.

"Obviously the decision caused him great pain, but he felt so strongly that the discipline of the Church needed it that he spoke out plainly, honestly, publicly, without any attempt to smooth over the troubles and settle behind the scenes."

Athlete

Before becoming Archbishop of Canterbury in 1945, Dr. Fisher had made a name for himself as administrator in the Bishopsric of Chester and London.

Dr. Fisher was known as a fine classical scholar at Oxford, and was also a successful athlete and rowed in his college boat and in the University trial eight.

When he was appointed headmaster of Repton — succeeding William Temple, another Archbishop of Canterbury — he was one of the youngest headmasters ever appointed.

The next step in his career was even more unusual, for he was appointed Bishop of Chester in 1932 when he had had no previous experience. It was in this year that he entered the Church Assembly and began to show his powers as chairman and organizer.

Liberal Ideas

He was translated to the See of London in 1939 where he remained for most of the war, when so many of the churches in his diocese were destroyed or made useless by bombing. He himself helped to look after the bombed-out Londoners and once housed 300 homeless people in his residence at Fulham Palace.

His public utterances have shown that Dr. Fisher combines the force of a powerful intellect with a statesman's breadth of vision. He is a man of wide sympathies and liberal ideas who has travelled widely in Europe, the Commonwealth and the United States, and holds honorary degrees from many universities both in Britain and overseas.

He has six sons, one of whom is BBC Television producer. This is his first visit to the Far East and it is the first time an Archbishop of Canterbury has visited Hongkong or Japan. His next stop which he is visiting for the centenary celebrations of the Japanese Anglican Church.

Mr Suslov: One Of K's Biggest Mysteries

London, April 1.
The Kremlin's mysteries are legion.

One of the biggest remains as deep as ever even after a 10-day Western visit by Moscow mystery agent Mikhail Andreievich Suslov, Nikita Khrushchev's top aide in the Party Secretariat.

What does Suslov really do in the Soviet hierarchy? And what was the real reason for his visiting Britain at the height of East-West contacts over Berlin?

Suslov, 55-year-old, tall, confident and not looking like the man Stalin chose to clean up Lithuania after the Nazi occupation, and to read Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito out of the Cominform in 1948.

Khrushchev gave him the same cleaning up mission in Hungary after the 1956 revolt.

Top-Ranking

He is top-ranking secretary of the Communist Party Central Committee after First Secretary Khrushchev himself, and is generally recognised as chief Soviet expert on managing the East European satellites. So why did Khrushchev send him to Britain as a private visitor leading a delegation from Russia's rubber-stamp Parliament?

Especially as the guest of an unofficial and influential body of little-known British Socialist lawmakers?—U.F.I.

Rocket Plane Has Captive Trial

Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., April 1.

The first United States rocket plane—the X-15, designed to carry man 100 miles or more into space—swept over California's Mojave desert today suspended from the wing of a B-52 jet bomber.

This was the second captive test flight for the experimental plane.

With test pilot Scott Crossfield in the tiny instrument-packed cockpit, the plane was in the air for an hour and three-quarters, testing its aerodynamic qualities and various instrument and power systems.

Crossfield, who has been preparing for the first powered flight of the X-15 for more than a year, may within a week guide the plane on its first glide test when it will be dropped at a high altitude by a B-52 bomber and allowed to glide into this base without power.

"NOT IN CANADA"

Montreal, April 1.
The Montreal Municipal Police Censor, Lieutenant Quintal, today asked women dancers in the African ballet troupe, now attracting audiences here, to put some clothes on for the forthcoming show.

Quintal said that if these dancers were allowed to appear naked to the waist because they were doing folk dances, it would set a dangerous precedent in Montreal, adding: "If they want to dance like that, let them go back to Africa."—France-Press.

Top Security For Seat Arms Talks

Wellington, N.Z., April 1.
New Zealand's strictest security precautions since the war will be put in force tomorrow when military advisers of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation open conferences at Parliament House.

The military experts will meet between tomorrow and Saturday as the prelude to a three-day meeting of Seat's Council of Ministers from next Wednesday.

Although two of the main personalities, Mr Selwyn Lloyd and Mr John Foster Dulles, the British and United States Foreign Secretaries, will not be present, New Zealanders will for the first time be able to see and hear something of other world leaders whose shaping of Seat is considered to have done much to secure territorial integrity in this vital and vulnerable part of the globe.

Discreet Guards

Normally, New Zealand encourages rather than opposes access to Parliament House, but mainly because Seat conferences have in the past been well-guarded and secret, and because member nations expect similar conditions, she has been obliged to conform.

Most of the corridors leading to the 230 parliament rooms to be used by Seat delegations will be still with discreetly-posted guards on 24-hour duty, and people who ordinarily have a free run of the building will be restricted.—Reuters.

Radioactive Boys Examined

Glasgow, April 1.
Three young "radioactive" Glasgow boys were ordered today to be sent to a radiological protection centre in southern England to make sure they were not seriously affected.

Medical specialists in Glasgow, after examining the well-scrubbed youngsters, believed they had become slightly contaminated when ferreting on Monday among radioactive scrap in a local clock factory.

Their shoes and outclothing showed some radioactivity but the Glasgow authorities believed there was no cause for alarm.—Reuters.

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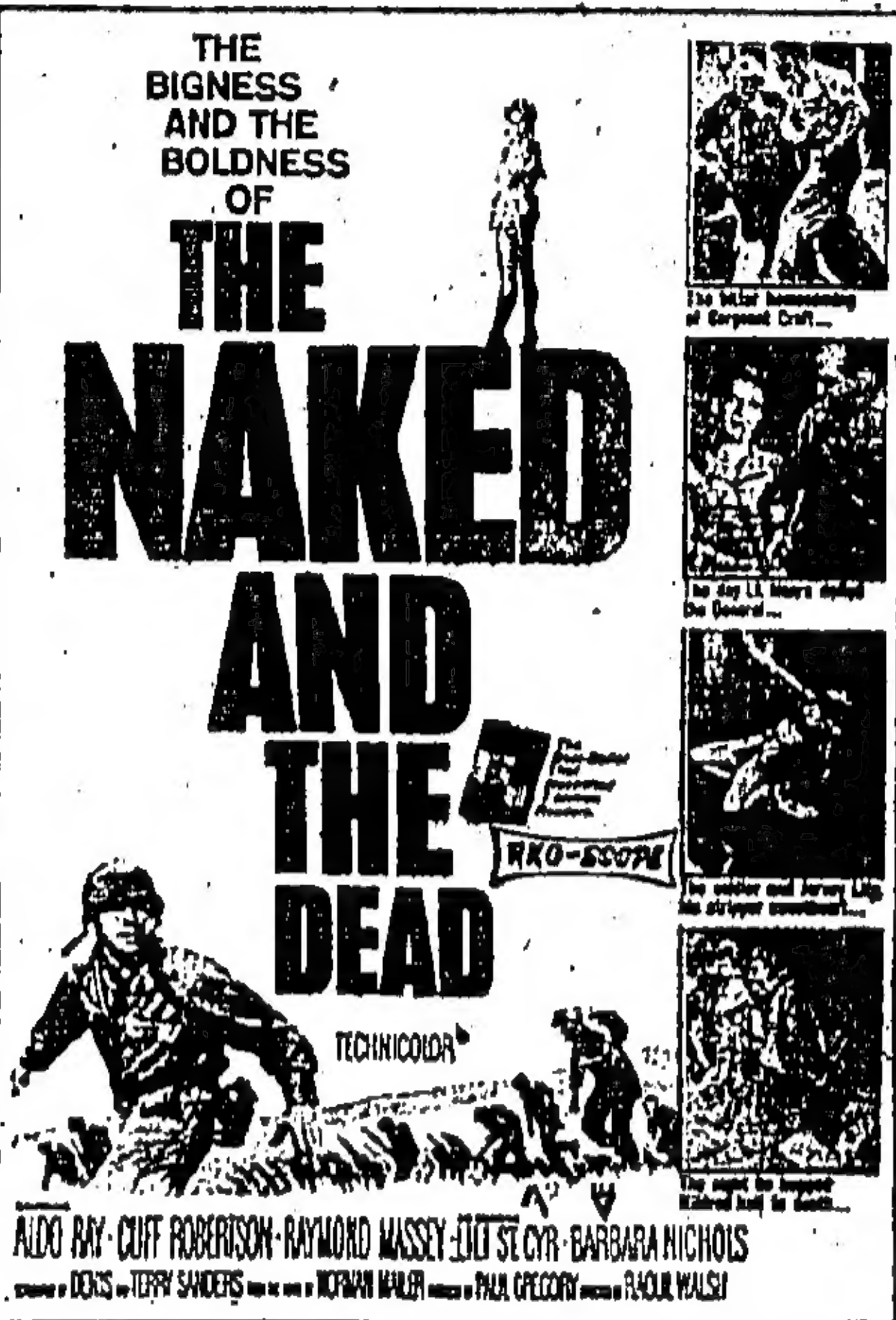
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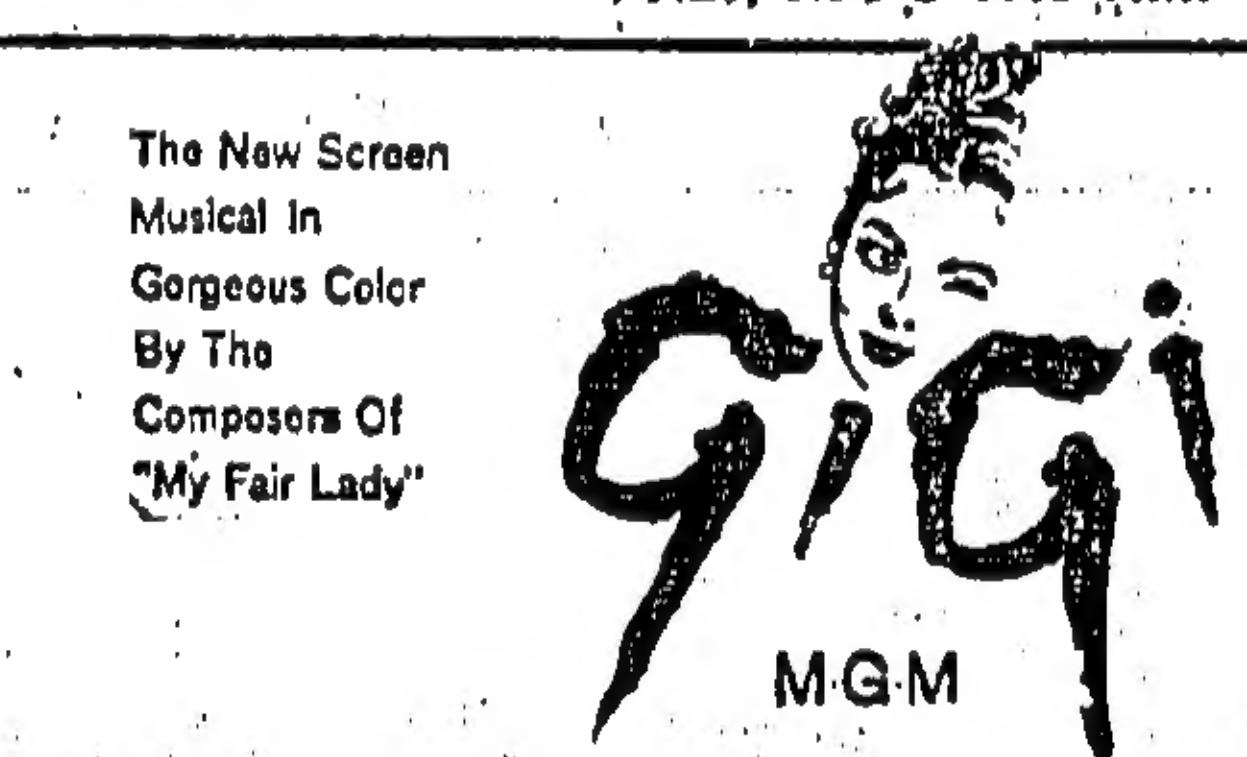
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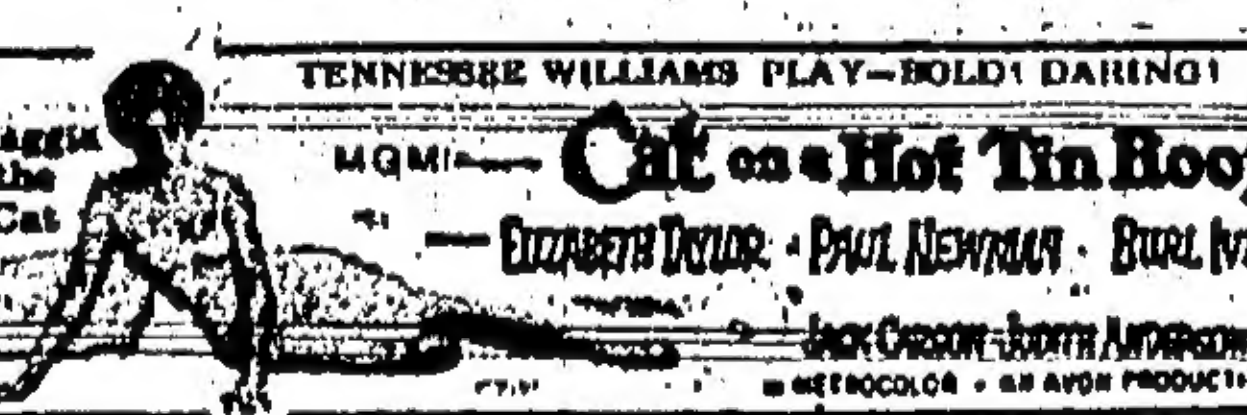
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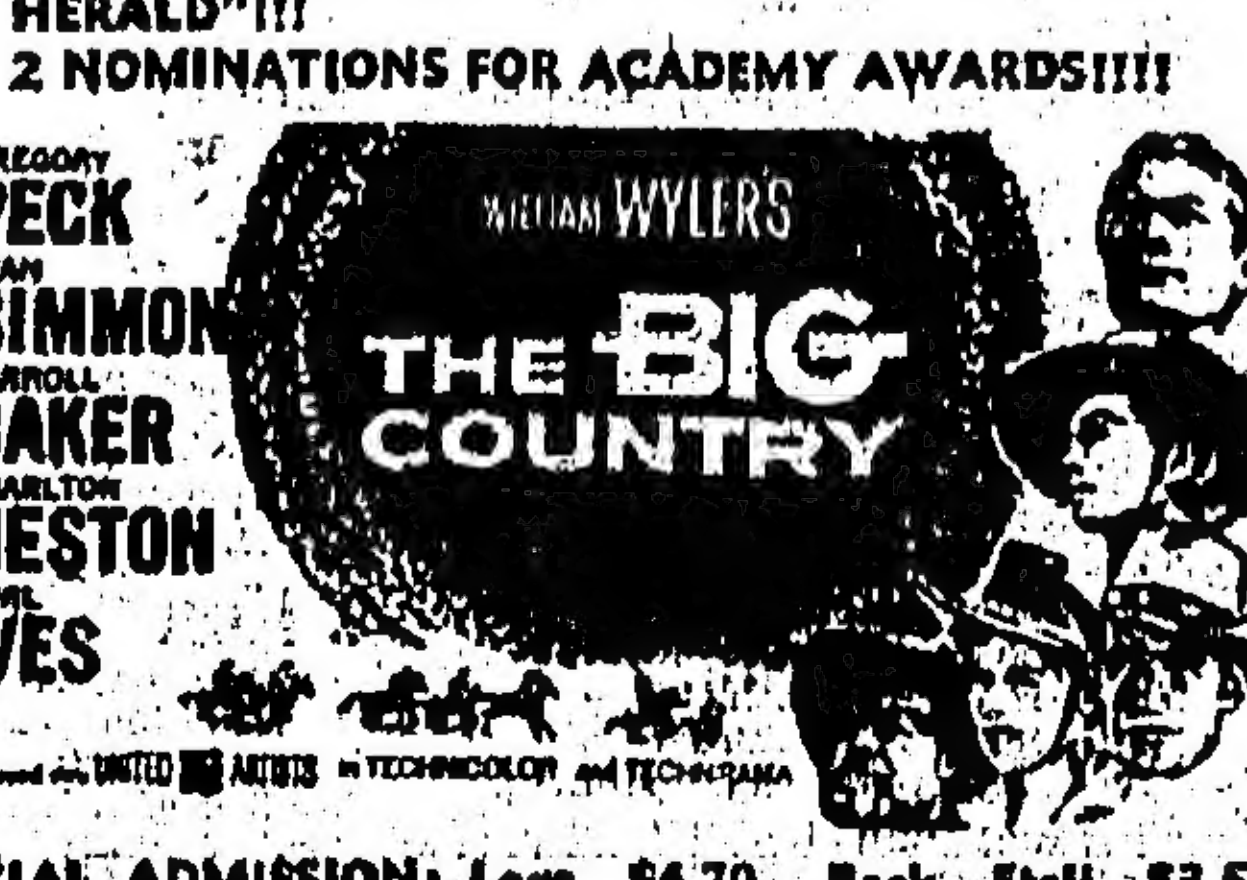


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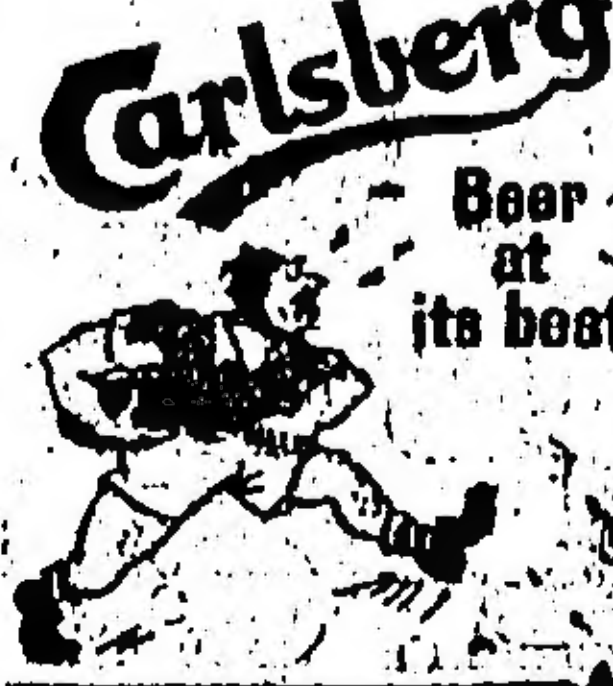


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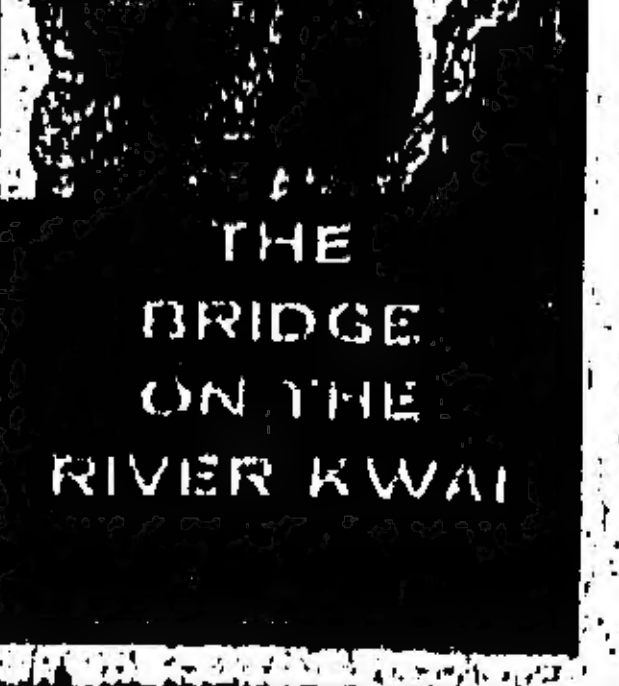
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London, April 1. One of the biggest hoaxes in the history of British television was practised tonight — April Fool's day — when Independent Television showed millions of viewers the first "photograph" ever secured of the abominable snowman.

The news magazine 'This Week' introduced "Professor Duncan Grant Hetherington" — bearing a remarkable resemblance to popular zany comedian Peter Sellers in disguise — said to be just back from exploring in the Himalayas.

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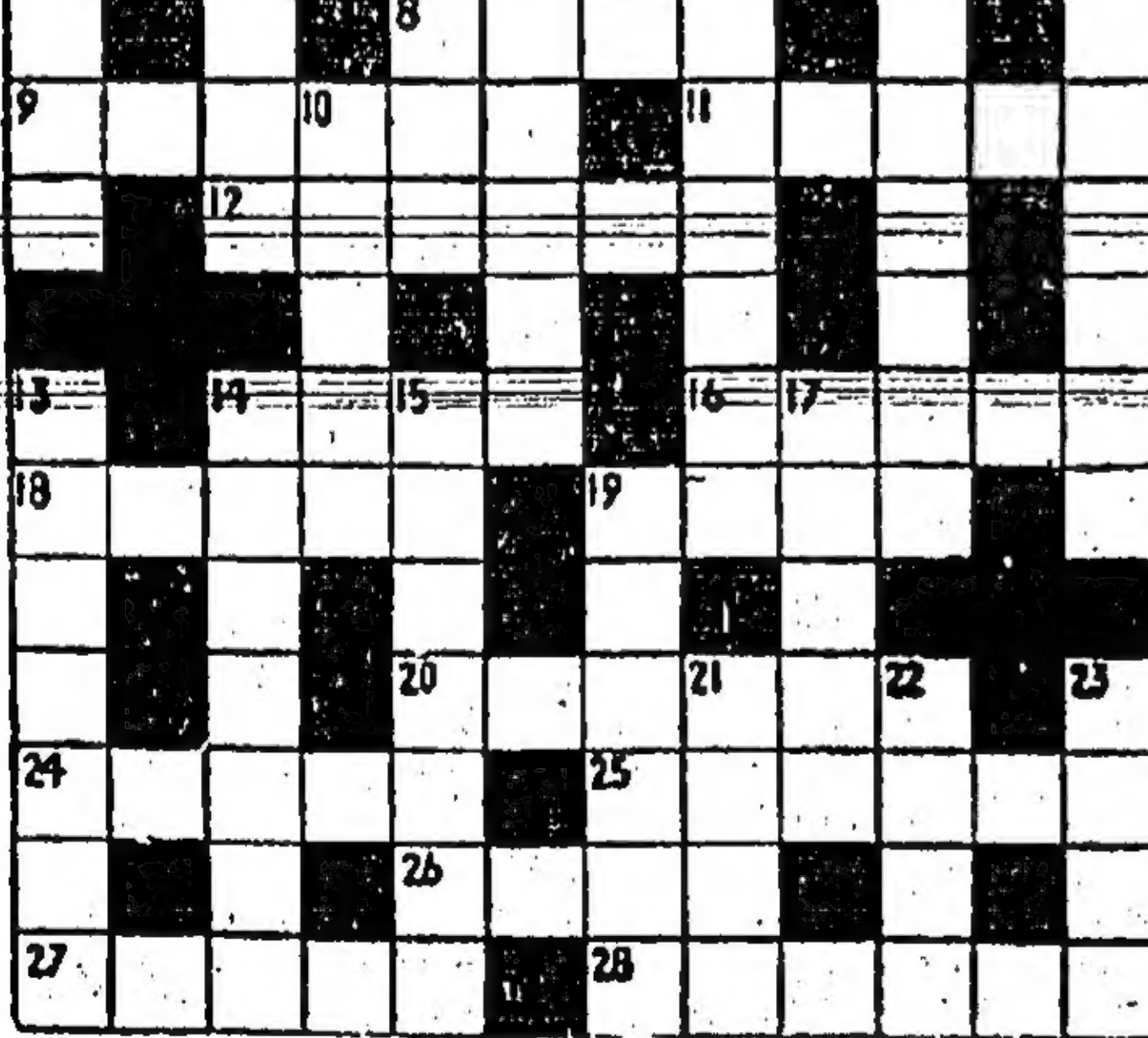
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2 Slow mover (5).
3 —but this isn't (4).
4 Tree in London (6).
5 May put you out (5).
6 Head place of worship (6).
7 High lake (4).
8 Come later (5).
9 She could give us a lead (5).
10 Vehicle (4).
11 Capital composer (6).
12 Camera accessory (5).
13 First-class clique taking a stroll (6).
14 Liable to blow its top (4).
15 Use clippers (5).
16 Do judges find it burdensome? (6).

DOWN
1 Super playthings? (4).
2 Transported (4).
3 Made into cheese (4).
4 Fish (6).
5 More inclined (7).
6 The doctrine of the disbeliever (7).
7 Not really an unsteady dog (7).
8 And above board? (5).
9 They love being cruel (7).
10 Got up after tea in the garden (7).
11 Hiker, also in the garden, maybe (7).
12 It's opposite to the zenith (5).
13 Bully (6).
14 Don't believe him (4).
15 Decree of sorts (4).
16 Rasin' to go (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Lists, 4 United (united), 8 How-cab, 10 Whips, 12 Bar-ne(k), 14 Riposte, 17 Slow, 19 Lantern, 20 Kestrel, 22 Ee-ee, 23 Signals, 27 Dremy, 29 Pulse, 30 Dunder, 31 Tiesel, 32 Swede, Down: 1 Lohar, 2 Sew up, 3 Swabs, 5 N-E-W-S, 6 Teicle, 7 Dismown, 9 Hallows, 11 Hasten, 13 Realise, 15 Iced, 16 Ottara, 18 Orat, 20 Keeper, 21 Sidles, 24 Gyves, 25 Addie, 26 Sedge, 28 Bels.

European Papers Fool Readers

The Hague, April 1. European newspapers pulled the legs of their readers today with April Fool "news" of rockets to Venus and talking monkeys.

One paper, the Frankfurt Abendpost, carried 19 such items. Mock news of the day included: VIENNA: The Newer Church said it was in radio touch with the first manned rocket, due to reach Venus by midnight. The Express published a fake photograph of an American helicopter sailing off the spire of Vienna's St. Charles Church.

MANITVA, ITALY: A picture and caption announcing that a gale had blown down the medieval "egg tower" sent many people to the spot to see for themselves. The tower was hallowed and holy.

THE HAGUE: De Telegraf's readers were urged to visit Amsterdam zoo to hear monkeys utter words like "bananas" by means of a "polyester plastic glossesensor" fitted in their mouths.

Blind Eye
OSLO: One paper announced a tax on air pumped into car tyres.

WARSAW: Polish readers were offered a picture of scantily-clad American chorus girls as a "Soviet revue" enriched with "elements of folk art."

The Polish censors also turned a blind eye to stories of plans for a tunnel under the Baltic, a uranium find in Warsaw suburbs and — most surprising of all — a deadpan parody of Communist jargon.

Mr Fawkes
In London, clerks of Silver City Airways on the look-out for April 1 hoaxers raised their eyebrows when they spotted an entry in the passenger list—G. Fawkes.

Supplions were played when Mr Fawkes reported at Ferryfield at Kent with his car and three passengers to be flown to Le Touquet, France.

He was the Rev. F. G. D. Fawkes, of Compton Rectory, Winchester.—Reuter and China Mail Special.

Strong Quake At Reno
Reno, April 1. A strong rolling earthquake which lasted for 15 minutes was felt here today.

Prof. James I. Gimlett, head of the geology department of the University of Nevada, said the quake probably was centred about 45 miles northwest of here.

He said the main tremble was recorded at 6 on the Richter scale on the university seismograph.

Reno police and Washoe County sheriff's deputies said they received several calls from alarmed citizens but that no damage had been reported.

The Reno fire department, however, was investigating a possible fire in between the earthquake and a house fire reported minutes after the first shock was felt.—U.P.I.

"Dogs Welcome" Sign Goes Up On Church Door
Southwell, April 1. A notice stating "dogs welcome" was placed on the main door of the big Anglican church here during the Easter holidays.

The provost of the church, the Reverend H. O. Heywood, explained today that he intended to display the sign whenever he expected a large number of people to visit the church.

He declared, "I did it because I used to find people waiting outside the church minding the dog while the rest of the family were inside looking around — and I thought this was wrong."

Asked whether dogs would be welcome at a service, he said he would not mind, providing the dogs were kept quiet.



Lunch With Nehru

UNO Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld recently visited Kashmir, trouble state in the dispute between India and Pakistan and now policed by UN observers.

En route, he stopped for lunch with Indian premier Pandit Nehru in Delhi.

Picture shows Mr Hammarskjöld and Mr Nehru at the premier's Delhi residence.—Express Service.

NEW CYPRUS PARTY BACKED BY EOKA, MAKARIOS?

Nicosia, April 1. A new Cypriot Greek political party EDMA, believed to have the support of Archbishop Makarios and the Eoka, today made a dramatic appearance in Nicosia.

Leaflets setting out the political aims of EDMA (United Democratic Front of Regeneration) were showered down upon a crowded Nicosia theatre audience, including Archbishop Makarios, spiritual leader of the Cypriot-Greeks, as they were celebrating the fourth anniversary of the founding of the Eoka-terrorist movement.

The leaflets, signed by the "Provisional Executive Committee of EDMA" invited all "those Cypriots, especially the new generation, who want to work for the reconstruction of our country" to join the party.

This responsibility and duties which our newly won freedom imposes upon us is much greater than the rights which this freedom has secured for us."

Aims
EDMA said: "Our links with everything Greek will continue and will be intensified. Greek moral and spiritual values will continue to constitute the leading lights of our life and the contents of our thoughts and actions."

The aims of the new party as set out in the leaflets were:

- Equal enjoyment of "Cypriot civilisation" by all citizens, without discrimination.
- Equal opportunities for all.
- Encouragement of private enterprise.
- Defence of the rights of rural workers, and
- Health welfare and educational facilities for all.

Slogans by the new party were also painted in Nicosia streets.—France-Press.

GOP Leader Resigns
Washington, April 1. Mr Meade Alcorn, chairman of the United States Republican Party, today announced his resignation for personal reasons.

He told a news conference he had personally delivered a letter to the White House, telling President Eisenhower of his decision to return to his law firm.—Reuter.

Ships Delivered
Singapore, April 1. Britain today handed over two warships to the tiny Malayan Navy in a ceremony at the Naval Dockyard here.

The ships are 140-ton inshore minesweepers.—China Mail Special.

Sukarno To See Surgeon?
Stockholm, April 1. President Sukarno of Indonesia may consult a Swedish surgeon and undergo a surgical examination during his visit to Scandinavia next month, according to a well-informed source here.—Reuter.

Brandt To Visit London
London, April 1. Herr Willy Brandt, governing Mayor of West Berlin, is expected to arrive here about April 20 on an official visit for talks with Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, and other British Ministers.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said today that Herr Brandt had been invited by the Government to visit as a guest, but details of this had yet to be worked out.

Authoritative sources expected Herr Brandt to arrive in London with his wife about April 20 for a stay of three or four days.—Reuter.

Pirate Was A Truant
Melbourne, April 1. An 11-year-old boy, a truant from school, had a hectic time playing "pirate" on the Yarra River here today but fell into the hands of police when he became a landlubber.

Police said the boy seized a 35-foot launch, drove it on a wild zig-zag course for several hundred yards down the river at around 12 knots, rammed a 50-foot ocean-going luxury yacht, jammed the launch under a bridge and ripped off part of its super structure.

The boy then crawled 30 yards along narrow girders under the bridge and fled on his bicycle from a policeman on foot.

The boy was impeded by heavy traffic and disoriented, then surrendered to the police, who had been summoned by workmen who saw the launch hit the bridge and feared that the occupant might be drowned.

Police were considering what action to take against the "pirate".—China Mail Special.

50,000 LEFT HOMELESS IN MADAGASCAR FLOOD HORROR

Tananarive, Madagascar, April 1. France and her African partners mustered a massive emergency aid programme today to speed food, clothing and medicines to typhoon-wrecked Madagascar.

More than 50,000 people have been left homeless by five successive hurricanes and swirling floods that struck the island last week.

Ruptured rail, road and communications lines have made it impossible to establish anything approximating a precise death toll.

But Madagascar Premier Philibert Tsiranana told a Paris newspaper he believed the unofficial estimate of 3,000 dead might be "well below the true figure."

In France, where banner headlines describing the Madagascar disaster stirred national sympathy, thousands of citizens responded to emergency pleas for donations of old clothing and blankets.

Radio Appeals
More than 500 tons of clothing of all sorts—enough to fill 80 cargo planes—were piled up at the old, unused Gare d'Orsay railroad station in Paris last night and this morning.

Donors responding to radio appeals for help continued to drive up to the station during the day to deposit blankets and other supplies.

The French Government also took prompt action by pledging 20 million Francs of financial aid to Madagascar and it was believed still more money might be forthcoming later.

Officials in Paris, headquarters for the French Overseas Community of Nations, of which Madagascar is a member, said the number one problem at the moment is the distribution of emergency supplies in the island.

Roads Cut
All Madagascar roads and rail lines were cut by the torrential rains and floods that dealt a one-two punch follow-up to the five hurricanes.

Crates of food, clothing and medicines were being dropped by parachute to homeless islanders driven to seek refuge from the floods on hilltops.

Officials said there was now a dangerous shortage of parachutes and helicopters for use in such emergency operations.

This aroused fears that rescue missions might not be able to get enough warm clothing distributed to homeless families on the island before the Madagascar cold season sets in a month from now.

It was also feared that epidemics of typhoid, cholera and plague might sweep like wildfire through the island's population in the wake of the floods.—U.P.I.

Run On Malta Bank Halted
Valletta, April 1. A British spokesman here said today that a run on the Malta Government's Savings Bank inspired by the leader of the Opposition Maltese Labour Party, Mr Dom Mintoff, had been stopped after five weeks.

"The situation of the bank has fully returned to normal," the spokesman told a Press conference.

Deposits were bigger than withdrawals and the volume of business was back to the level of before the run.

The run on the bank started in late February when Mr Mintoff, a former Prime Minister, issued a directive to his supporters to withdraw all deposits from the bank.

Mr Mintoff claimed that the 218 million deposits in the bank were worth only 218½ million because of depreciation in gilt-edged securities held by the bank.—Reuter.

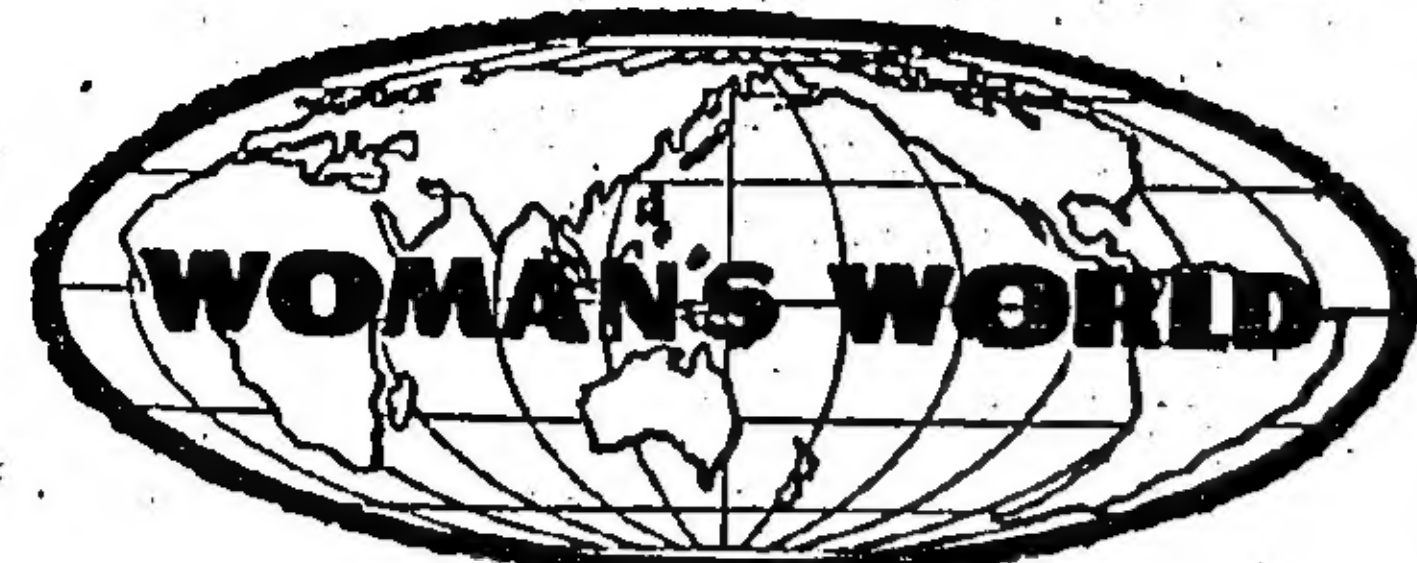
Mink For Michiko
Ottawa, April 1. Canada's wedding present to Japan's Crown Prince Akihito and his fiancée Michiko Shoda will be a mink stole.

The stole, of Canadian fur and worth about \$800 will be presented to the pair on their April 10 wedding day by the Canadian Ambassador to Tokyo, Mr W. F. Bull.

An announcement from the Prime Minister, Mr Diefenbaker's office covering the gift said:

"The Government of Canada has sent a wild mink stole to the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo for presentation as a gift on the occasion of the wedding of His Imperial Highness, the Crown Prince of Japan."—U.P.I.





Joy Matthews Gives London Shopping News

There is a boom in bath-rooms. This week I have seen the prettiest towels yet—born in Britain too.

They are a trellis design of tiny rosebuds on huge stripes of lemon yellow, blue, or pink on white. My choice is the lemon yellow with pink rosebuds and green leaves.

But the big bathroom news is that the Marquis of Queensberry—a professor of ceramics at the Royal College of Art—has designed the snobbiest bathroom suite ever. It con-

sists of a bath, a basin, and a lavatory, all streamlined and sculptured.

Pretty, pretty pens made especially for women. Slender and shimmering in white and gold enamel, silver, and rhinestones. What more can you ask?

Idea for a bridesmaid, a bride—or a girl with the key of the door. There is a fabric purse case to put the pen in and a matching pouch to hold the five cartridges.

—London Express Service.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

BORN today you are a tenacious individual. You are ambitious and make careful plans, and then you follow through, diligently and efficiently. There may be a series of minor setbacks, early in your life, but you can overcome these difficulties and forge ahead toward wider horizons and larger goals.

You have a gift for the written as well as the spoken word. You

JACOBY on BRIDGE

WALTER Maloway of New York writes: "My three-spade bid was based on an old idiom of mine. I am allergic to being shut out."

"Boris Koychik, my partner, had opened one club only since he knew the bidding would not die there. Naturally he was interested in seven, and his four-no-trump bid was made with the intention of bidding the grand slam if I showed up with an ace.

"East's double of six spades was a perfect example of the Lighter slam double, convention which calls for an unusual lead. He was void of clubs and since Berlin had opened one club a lead of that suit would be the most unusual lead at West's disposal.

"West knew that his partner was asking for a club lead but West was too smart for that. He

NORTH (D) 20	
▲ AKQ7	20
◆ None	
◆ 6	
▲ AKJ98764	
WEST	
◆ 543	
◆ 107	
◆ QJ875	
◆ Q53	
EAST	
◆ QJ9854	
◆ A10832	
◆ None	
SOUTH	
◆ J10980	
◆ K532	
◆ K4	
◆ 107	
Both vulnerable	
North East South West	
1♣ 3♥ 3♠ Pass	
4NT Pass 5♣ Pass	
6♦ Double Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♥ 10	

only held three clubs. How could East be void? If only held two hearts. How could North be void of that suit?

"West decided that his partner was just doubting on general strength and opened the ten of hearts. Naturally enough, I had no trouble making all the tricks."

Walter fails to point out that North could not have been beaten if he had been declarer at six spades but he is very charitable about West. East and West were supposedly good players and were playing the slam double convention. West should have trusted his partner.

♥ CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East 1♣ Pass 2NT Pass 3♥ Pass 4NT Pass 5♣ Pass 6♦ Double Pass Pass. What do you do?

A—Bid three no-trump. You have a good five-card spade suit but your hand is of such nature that you should make just as many tricks at no-trump as at spades.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Again your partner has responded two no-trump to your opening spade bid. This time you hold: ♠ A Q 8 6 5 3 2 ♦ K 5 ♣ K J 5 6. What do you do?

Answer: Three no-trump.

WOMANSENSE

WOMEN OF CHINA

SEE my picture of the woman policeman. That is not the exception among Chinese women of today, but typical. Most women work. Because they have to. Because the country has told them their labour in the gigantic reconstruction that is taking place is essential.

But how did China get her women to give up all pleasures, all thought of entertainment, dancing, fashions and all their desire for individual taste and beauty?

It is not true to say that they have lost all their charm. They still win many friends and much sympathy through an astounding freshness, intelligence and vitality, and even more by a nearly sportsmanlike comradeship to everybody.

Only, looking at them, you cannot think of the usual compliments given to women, but rather you feel challenged by their physical capacities and all sorts of working ambitions. The main feature I could find in common with all Chinese women of China is their boundless, rather proud ambition to raise the standard of their country.

National Ambition

This ambition, you may be surprised to hear, is not at all confined to personal prestige or advantage, it is clearly national and political in every respect.

From this point of view you may feel that having given up most of their more feminine aims and activities, they no longer constitute a womanlike appearance, but rather aim at filling all posts given them as fit as any man could do it, which, in turn, gives them an ever increasing political power and influence.

The circle goes on: aware of their progress and prestige, they strengthen their effort, take pride in carrying out the hardest work, abolish their last traces of weakness and femininity and again gain prestige. I met more women in responsible jobs than men, and

On The Way Out

BLACK stockings—possibly the least elegant of all fashions in recent years—are happily on the way out.

But in circles where cutting a dash counts for much—and frequently from these circles come fashion leads—a new, even more startling, gimmick is making headway.

The girls of the plush set are beginning to wear white stockings with handpainted patterns.

For the moment, anyway, the designs are relatively harmless—flowers, butterflies and the like. But the avant garde feel that these are too tame.

Let's pray that this whole silly idea dies a rapid, silent death.



The Policewoman

often I was far more dependent on the favour of a woman to get what I wanted than I had been during the rest of my 15 months' journey.

Staying two months in China, passing through all the big cities, I never came across a girl or a woman showing any care or vanity in her clothes or hair styles.

Like Blue Soldiers

One might say, without exaggeration, they look like blue soldiers, and they seem even trained like them.

What would you imagine a modern Chinese woman possessed for her everyday needs?

I asked some hundreds of them, checking them in all different jobs and positions. Yet, the answer was always the same: Two blue suits, at the price of about 14 yuan each (HK\$35), for the summer, one pair of shoes, a handbag for every occasion, and perhaps an

umbrella for the rainy season. For the winter a thick suit, and an even thicker top coat, lined with fur or cotton padding, all this together for 40 yuan (HK\$100).

But what do they wear on Sunday, at the theatre, at meetings at parties? The same. Without make-up. Most of the women even refuse to have their hair curled. It is true to say they refuse, because I asked a lot who easily could have afforded a hairdresser.

A young teacher told me with a really encouraging and well-meaning smile:

"Can you give me any reason why I should dress up for my working hours? Isn't it only impractical? Besides, we have two occasions a year, when we can wear our best: May Day and National Festival in October."

Thus, it is plain, that very little money is spent on personal luxuries, even the most modest ones.

In consequence, industry producing these things more or less exists only for export. Beautiful brocades, shawls, embroideries are scarcely worn by the Chinese themselves. They design them, make them with much skill and then see them bought by foreigners only.

Does this embitter them? Do they envy us?

To my greatest bewilderment I had to learn, that the modern Chinese women consider our indulgence in make-up and fashions as utter backwardness.

It is obvious that education is designed to achieve this effect: At a lower middle school I saw girls of 13 and 14 construct a complete radio, in every steel factory, in every sort of technical and constructive undertaking, women are not only equal, but often supervise men.

Very revealing seemed to me a film where young students from a technical college had to build a factory, and the female students were the ones who did all examining and inspecting work.

Further they are taught every minute, that government only is too glad and proud of its women freed of all household work, and that all hopes are placed in them.

So, for the first time in Chinese history educated, trained and respected in public positions, Chinese women answer with a high tide of enthusiasm and initiative.

Women In Buses

On every occasion it was a woman who made room for me in the crowded train, a woman is director of Peking Intourist, women are in the buses, in the streets as policemen.

The day of a Chinese woman seems hard, but it is really harder than that of working women all over the world?

There are, of course no more servants in the normal household. From 6 to 7 every morning the Chinese mother has to get up to stand in the queue waiting for bread. Or she may send one of her children.

The food shortage is very great especially in Peking. Vegetable, fruit and fresh meat are hard to get in winter time. So for anything a mother wants to cook she will have to wait one or two hours, mostly outside the shop.

Naturally, housework seems no pleasure, gladly she will give all children to nurseries, kindergartens and schools and go herself to work. She even will visit spare-time schools to improve her position and avoid being looked upon as backward.

The general drive is study, work, industry and patriotism. There is no escape.

Their relation to men is that of a good comrade. Rough, good-natured, I saw men and women laugh and talk together in a friendly and detached way in many more frequently than in other countries I have visited. This I took as an advantage.



THE AUTHOR

Pictured against the Great Wall of China is Christine Weizenbacher, 23-year-old Austrian University student, who recently made a two-month tour of China. Christine wrote this article on the women of China after a tour which took her from Canton to Peking and Tientsin where she met people from all walks of life. Christine is on a world tour, hitch-hiking around from country to country and she has now been away from home almost 15 months. She arrived in Hongkong on January 9 to begin her trip to China, and she leaves on Saturday to continue her tour.

At dancing parties, hot music or jazz is avoided. Waltz and folk songs in the Russian manner are the main source of entertainment.

Average Budget

There are, on the whole, few things which could tempt a young woman in New China: no occasions to wear any beautiful dresses, no time for make-up, and no money to buy any other luxuries.

Hobbies of the Chinese women? They are strange and astonishing as everything in China: they want to become a model worker, a leading comrade, a labour heroine.

But that is China today.



Some Smart Suggestions For Chafing Dish Cook

"WHETHER they are of shining silver, copper, brass or wrought iron with pottery inserts, chafing dishes denote parties and glamour," I was saying.

"The metal type, you will notice, consists of a lower part for hot water, with a top that fits in like a double boiler and that can also be used for sautéing. So for chafing dish cooking, choose foods that can be either sautéed—white meats, lightly fried—over direct heat or that need preparation over hot water."

Watching the Host

"You know, Madame," chuckled the Chef, "most of the fun of chafing-dish cooking is watching the hostess. The show must not be too long."

Here are some suggestions:

Finocchio Scrambled Eggs Italian Sesame Seed Rolls Frieded Bruli Mocha Squares Coffee

All measurements are level; recipes proportioned to serve 4 to 6. Scrambled Eggs Italian: Slice chop 3 medium-sized peppers. Peel and chop 2 medium-sized tomatoes (or use 1/4 c. solid pack canned tomatoes).

Mince 1/4 c. peeled scallion, garlic and 1 peeled small onion. In the chafing dish (or a frying pan), melt 2 tbs. butter. Add 1/4 tbs. olive oil. Add the vegetables. Sauté until tender.

Add 8 eggs—beaten with 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 2 tbs. milk. Cook until the eggs begin to set.

Then carefully scramble on scrape up with a spoon, cooking only until creamy throughout.

Serve on toast with or without a garnish of minced scallion. Frieded Bruli Mocha Squares: Stir 1/2 c. shortening, 1/2 c. cream with 1 c. granulated sugar and 1/2 c. molasses. Beat and add 2 eggs. Stir in 1 c. hot coffee.

Sift together 2 1/2 c. already-sifted enriched flour, 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. ground cinnamon, 1 tsp. ground ginger, 1/2 tsp. ground clove and 1/2 tsp. salt. Beat into the first mixture.

Transfer to a 7" x 11" pan. Bake 35 min. in a moderate oven, 350°-375° F. or until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean.

When cold, cover with mocha icing and dust thickly with toasted Brazil nuts.

Mocha Icing: Cream 3 tbs. butter with 4 tbs. dry cocoa and 1 tsp. vanilla. Add 4 tbs. strong coffee beverage alternating with 3 c. sifted confectioners' sugar. Beat until smooth and creamy. Use as directed.

TOMORROW'S DINNER

Pineapple Julo Stewed Dried Lima Beans With Ham or Crisp Bacon Sweet-Sour Kale Frieded Bruli Mocha Squares Coffee Tea Milk

TRICK OF THE CHIEF

When stewing dried lima, add 1/4 tsp. oregano.

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Mr. Merlin's Luncheon

—An Unusual But Thoroughly Delightful Affair—

By MAX TRELL

THE magic telephone rang.

Knarf and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned About Names, both ran behind the bookcase to answer it. Because a magic telephone, both of them could listen and speak at the same time.

At the other end of the telephone was Mr. Merlin, the Magnificent Magician.

"Won't you come and join me for lunch?" Mr. Merlin asked. "I'm having a lot of guests. Come down right away!"

Magic Telephone

"Thank you very much, Mr. Merlin! We will!" said Knarf and Hanid into the magic telephone, both at the same time.

As soon as they had hung up the telephone, Knarf and Hanid combed their hair and washed their faces and brushed their shoes and made themselves as neat as two pins.

Then they walked down to the end of Book-lovers' Boulevard and rang Mr. Merlin's bell.

Neon Sign

It was a strange house. A tree grew out through the middle of it. The branches could be seen sticking out of the windows. And when the bell was rung,

a neon sign lit up. The sign read "Some Right In."

Then the door swung open. Knarf and Hanid walked right in.

"Come Up The Stairs," said another sign in the hallway. So Knarf and Hanid walked up.

They found themselves in Mr. Merlin's big dining hall.

In the middle of the hall, there stood Mr. Merlin, dressed in a white apron and a tall white chef's hat. He was surrounded by pots and pans and plates and knives and forks and spoons and cups and saucers. But the most important thing was a tall stove. Knarf and Hanid counted a dozen different doors in this stove.

Rupert and the Blunderpuss—22

The Chinese Conjurer turns impatiently when he realizes that he is not alone and tightly, moving forward timidly, bows low.

"Oh, most honourable Daddy," she says. "Here is Rupert little bear. Please to treat him, for he has never, really, important."

"So? Very well, little bear may speak. But briefly, briefly," says the man. "Well, all I know is that Uncle Bruno was frightened by a queer black thing," says Rupert nervously. "It's a sort of cat with wings. I can't catch it and I want to know what it is."

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Unusual Guests

Knarf and Hanid looked at them in astonishment, for some of them were pigs and some of them were lions and some of them were dwarfs and one of them was a giant and another of them was a dragon. And a whole crowd of them were ducks and buttercups and roses and lilies that kept jumping around on the top of the round table, waving their leaves.

And the tree that grew in the centre of the house was filled with chattering birds.

"Sit down, my dears. Sit down," said Mr. Merlin, as he greeted Knarf and Hanid. "There's plenty to eat for everyone!"

Then Mr. Merlin started opening the doors of his wonderful magic stove.

He took out soups and roasts and puddings and pies and steaks and chops and hamburgers and cutlets and fritters and cookies and dozens of things that steamed and bubbled that Knarf and Hanid couldn't even name.

"Eat! Eat! Eat!" Mr. Merlin kept saying. "There's lots more where all this came from!"

And he opened more doors.

The ones who ate the most were the dwarfs. The ones who ate the least were the giant and the dragon. The nearest ones were the pigs. The fastest eaters were the birds.

The only thing the flowers ate was a drop of magic dew-soup. Only a magnificent magician like Mr. Merlin knew how to make dew-soup!



Knarf and Hanid made themselves neat as two pins.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"May we have a dictionary, rather than the phone book, to set Junior on? We're firm believers in early influences!"

World Individual Table Tennis

BRILLIANT JOCKEYSHIP WINS GRAND NATIONAL

Behind nearly every Grand National win there is one moment of brilliant jockeyship — one instant in the world's greatest steeplechase when the winner survives for no other reason than a jockey's superb riding ability. In this year's race it was at the water jump where Oxo had his brush with disaster, and these pictures show how magnificent Michael Scudamore got the big race winner out of trouble.



Oxo and Scudamore are about to land.



Now Oxo's front legs are folding. His head is down.



The head is still farther down, the balance is going, but Scudamore stands in stirrups trying to pull up Oxo's head.



Scudamore wins. He is nearly back in the saddle and in a moment Oxo will be in full stride again.

Tourney Opens Today

MURUKAMI AND EGUCHI TOP

FAVOURITES FOR MEN'S, WOMEN'S SINGLES TITLES

Dortmund, April 1.

The Japanese players, Toruo Murakami and Eguchi will start favourites for the men's and women's singles title respectively in the individual event of the world table tennis championships which start in Dortmund tomorrow.

Although the Japanese are not expected to have it all their own way in the individual events, and are not sure of getting two of their players in the singles finals, they should win more titles after their victories yesterday in the Swaythling and Corbillion team events.

Murakami's main rivals for the title should be the South Vietnamese, Le Van Tiet, and Mai Van Hoa, Wang Chun-yao and Yung Kuo-tuan of China, Berezik of Hungary and the Japanese, Ogiwara and Naito. Murakami is the only player to have won all his matches in the Swaythling Cup, where he made a big impression, and his devastating smashes should get him safely through to the men's singles final.

Best Player?

Berezik of Hungary, who is number one seed, while Murakami was unseeded, could be the best player in the world if he were not so often betrayed by his nerves.

His outbursts of anger when he misses a shot and his impulsive character are always against him in vital matches.

Of the other Japanese, perhaps Naito will prove better than Ogiwara. Naito, who does not use the sponge bat, may not have given his best during the team matches and many experts expected a better performance from him in the singles.

Murakami is drawn to meet Hungary's veteran Ferenc Sido before the quarter-final round and 37-year-old Sido may be a worthy opponent, despite his age.

The seeds are as follows for the men's singles:

1. Berezik (Hungary), 2. Ogiwara (Japan), 3. Naito (Japan), 4. Wang Chun-yao (China), 5. Yung Kuo-tuan (China), 6. Mai Van Hoa (South Vietnam), 7. Sido (Hungary), 8. Sipek (Czechoslovakia).

Women's Singles

In the women's singles, Eguchi may meet most serious opposition from Cho Kyung Cha of South Korea, whom she should play before the quarter-final round.

Eguchi did not play against Korea in the team event, but was most impressive in all her previous matches.

Apart from Cho Kyung Cha, Hungary's Eve Koczian, Japan's Matsuzaki and the Chinese girls, Sun Mei-ying and Chiu Chung-hui appear to have the best chances of giving Eguchi a run for her money.

The seeds in the women's singles are as follows:

1. Eguchi (Japan), 2. Haydon (Britain), 3. Koczian (Hungary), 4. Matsuzaki (Japan), 5. Chiu Chung-hui (China), 6. Naito (Japan), 7. Simon (Netherlands), 8. Sun Mei-ying (China).

'Truth Test'

The Chinese players are up against something of a "truth test" in the men's and women's singles. They must live up to the high reputation which they earned last year. Their performances in the Swaythling and Corbillion team events, however, had sometimes been disappointing.

The Swaythling Cup was played only in singles matches and so the only valid comparison of the strength of the doubles teams this year was afforded by the double matches in the Corbillion Cup.

It has often been proved in the past that the association of two good singles players does not make a winning doubles combination.

The Japanese team of Eguchi and Matsuzaki were the most impressive pair of the Corbillion Cup and they will start favourites for the women's doubles.

Their chief rivals should be the Hungarian girls, Koczian and Mosoczky, and the English team of Haydon and Rowe.

Seeds in the women's doubles are as follows:

1. Eguchi and Matsuzaki (Japan), 2. Sipek and Vyharnovsky (Czechoslovakia), 3. Berezik and Foeldi (Hungary), 4. Wang Chun-yao and Yang Fui-hua (China).

The Japanese will start favourites again for the mixed doubles and they may well fight out the finals as Murakami and Matsuzaki are in one half of the draw and Ogiwara and Eguchi to the other.

Seeds for the mixed doubles are as follows:

1. Berezik and Lantos (Hungary), 2. Ogiwara and Eguchi (Japan), 3. Matsuzaki and Matsuzaki (Japan), 4. Wang Chun-yao and Sun Mei-ying (China).—France-Press.

Gonzales Says This Will Be 'Do Or Die' Year For Lew Hoad

Atlanta, April 1.

World professional tennis champion Pancho Gonzales said today this was the "do or die" year for the professional success of Australian Lew Hoad.

Gonzales and Hoad were in Atlanta on another stop of their cross-country tour.

"I don't think the American tennis public would allow Hoad to tour next year," Gonzales said, "if he doesn't win this year."

Gonzales beat Hoad last year to defend his title successfully.

Public Funny

The swartzy, fat, although not commending directly on Hoad's present game, pointed out to him what he had said about the public.

"The public is funny," he said, "I know. It took me five years to 'come back' after I first turned professional."

He said that Hoad, billed as a co-star of the Jack Kramer tour, had to make good this season or someone else would be demanded by the public. He cited the case of Frank Sedgman who, although still one of the top players in the game, has lost his crowd appeal because he was beaten by Kramer and Gonzales.

Hoad and Gonzales entered their matches here with identical 16-7 records. Hoad, however, had lost on successive nights, while Gonzales had won to pull even.—U.P.I.

Ira Murchison To Race Against Bobby Morrow

New York, April 1.

Ira Murchison, joint holder of the world 110 metres record of 10.01 seconds, has accepted an invitation to race against Bobby Morrow, joint holder of the world 100 yards record of 9.3 seconds over 100 metres at Austin, Texas, on Saturday.

The organisers are hoping that the race will produce a new world record.

Morrow, who won both the 100 and 200 metres at the Melbourne Olympics, is in top form and clocked 9.35 seconds over 100 yards 11 days ago.—France-Press.

Nylon-Centred Golf Balls Now Used In U.S.

Wilmington, April 1.

Nylon-centred golf balls have been introduced on golf courses in the United States.

It is claimed that the ball, called the "Nylon" ball, is 20 yards to the average drive.

The DuPont Company, makers of nylon, say the secret of the ball's extra yardage is a marbled nylon core made from "Zytel" nylon resin, which replaces the conventional liquid or rubber centre.

Apart from the nylon core, the ball is of standard construction. A quarter-inch layer of virgin natural rubber surrounds the core, and is overwound with vulcanised rubber thread and jacketed with a conventional blista cover.

It is characterised by a distinctive "click" off the tee and a "pop" on the putting surface.—Reuter.

Tommy Atkin's ARMY SPORTS PARADE

The Army seven-a-side rugby tournament which was held at Boundary Street last Wednesday was the final event of the season but one. Only 16 teams entered. This was disappointing but the small entry had been anticipated to a certain extent.

There was a full and very interesting day's rugby. It was not really good 'sevens' but it was keenly fought out and full of surprises.

The 'seeds' all reached the semi-finals with one exception, in which the losers' place was taken by the 'rag-tag-and-bobtails,' Minor Units "B".

One could visualise a repetition of the 15-a-side final with 5 Fd Regt "A" meeting 1 Green Howards "B" in the pre-tournament favourites.

However, Sappers "A" became finalists by beating the Gunners by 11 points to nil, and in the second semi-final, the Minor Units harried the Green Howards to run out worthy winners by eight points to five.

In the interval the finalists of the Blarney Stone Tournament played an invitation match and the RAF once again beat Police, on this occasion by three points to nil. The game was much appreciated by the spectators, and we wish to thank both teams for taking part.

The Inter-Unit Final proved another surprise with Minor Units "B" beating Sappers "A" by eight points to five. Full credit to these seven players, most of whom did not know one another at the beginning of the day, and none of whom being really known in Colony rugby.

Lady Easton kindly presented the prizes at the end of the day.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Navy, who won the "31" Trophy. Army North were second and Army South fourth.

The Trophy is presented annually by the Hongkong Society of Rugby Football Union Referees "to the team which by its general conduct has done most to enhance the reputation of the game in Hongkong."

It is awarded on an average assessment made by Society Referees throughout the season, in two stages: pre-Hexangular and Hexangular. The following are the positions of the first four teams:

Team	Stage	Placing
Royal Navy Hexangular	1st	1st
Army North Hexangular	2nd	2nd
Royal Navy Pre-Hexangular	3rd	3rd
Army South Hexangular	4th	4th

The following Army teams were also assessed but did not play sufficient games under the control of Society Referees during each stage to qualify: 1 R Tks, 5 Fd Regt, 1 Green Howards, 1 Lan R (FWV), RACAF, Whitefield Wanderers, Whitefield Wanderers deserve full praise for not only keeping the season alive to the end, but for also "spreading the word."

It was their idea that rugby should be introduced to Macao, and so this coming weekend a large number of Service and civilian players will make their way there to play an exhibition game at the Macao Football Stadium on Sunday, at 4.00 p.m.

Army Colours

If anyone is spending a few days in Macao, it is hoped that they will support this very fine gesture.

Army Colours have been awarded to Capt. Winn, Capt. Bede-Cox, Capt. Mander, Capt. Lowe, Capt. Sharpe, Lt. Muntz, Sgt. Clarke, Sgt. Phillips, and Capt. McIntosh, who has already left the Colony. The presentation will be made at a party and a season supper, which is to take place at the NAAFI Club, Chatham Road, Kowloon, on Friday, April 10 at 7.00 p.m.

Any Army player or official who has not yet obtained a five, which costs \$5, should write to the Hon. Secretary, Army RUFC (HK), H Q Land Forces, as soon as possible.

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Now that the finals of both the Major and Minor Units knock-out football competitions have been decided, the soccer season is rapidly drawing to a close.

At Boundary Street last week 1 Lan R (FWV) showed in no uncertain terms who were the top dogs of the Minor Units Land Forces. They captured the Challenge Cup by defeating RAF Little Bai Wan by three goals to nil.

Fairbairn, Atkinson, and Davidson scored the goals, and there was little doubt as to who were the better team.

The Minor Units League Cup went to 5 COD, who routed 8 Coy RASC by five goals to one. For the winners, Woods, Hollo-way and Borne scored all the goals among them, and for the losers, Holland was successful in his solitary effort.

At the conclusion of both games, Lady Easton, wife of the Commandant of British Forces, Lt-General Sir Leslie M. Easton presented the

trophies, and prizes to the various competitors.

Only one game of football was played over the Easter period, and that took place at the Club Stadium last Sunday. The local football Association did everything it could to make the annual interport game between Hongkong and Macao as even as possible, but very few spectators turned up.

Star Defender

Both Sharp and Woodcock from the Army were chosen. Sharp at left-back, and Woodcock at centre-half.

Sharp played a very good game, intelligent, decisive, with no spectacular moments, but Woodcock was the star defender for Hongkong. He repeatedly earned the cheers of the crowd for his very sterling work. His tackling and good heading was very noticeable, and his work did much to ensure the victory that Hongkong deserved.

Our congratulations to Watson of the RAF who had a hand in all of the goals. The final score was six goals to one in favour of Hongkong, and it could just as easily have been 12-1.

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In the hockey game between the winners of the Major Units and the Minor Units, a draw was a fitting result to some rather negative hockey.

6 COD, winners of the Minor Units competition, are to be congratulated on holding their very formidable opponents, 5 Fd Regt RA, winners of the Major Units, to a 1-1 draw.

The game was very typical of a final, with plenty of support from the two teams' partisan supporters. In spite of extra time being played, there was no further score. The Secretary of Army Hockey therefore decided that the two teams would hold the trophy for six months.

6 COD were given the honour of holding it for the first period, and right well did they deserve this honour.

A Walkover

On Sunday Army 'A' were seen in action against the Hongkong Hockey Club, in the preliminary round of the Holland Cup. Unfortunately HKHC were unable to field a full team, and conceded the game to Army 'A'. With the loan of two players from the Army, the game got under way, and a most enjoyable game it was.

Due to the loss of two players, Booth and Watts, the Army team looked rather strange on paper, but this game gave them the advantage of trying out new players for the very important games to come.

No one could complain that they had not seen sufficient hockey during the Easter holidays.

Monday once again saw Army 'A' in action. This time they met the Hongkong team in a league encounter.

Green took over the Captaincy of the 'A' team from Watts who has left the Colony. The result was a win for Army 'A' by five goals to one, but this was not so one-sided as it sounds. Army 'A' were the first to score, but 'B' soon came back, and made it one all. It was only the sterling work of Roberts and Smith that kept the score at one each.

As the second half progressed the 'A' forwards began to pile on the pressure, and from then onwards goals came at a steady pace.

The final whistle came with 'A' still pressing, but were unable to increase their score.

For the losers their goalkeeper was outstanding, and certainly was not to blame for his team's defeat.

A Good Player

Smith and Roberts as already mentioned, were a tower of strength in defence. Roberts is a good player, with a magnificent 'eye' for the ball, and he certainly enjoys his hockey. Ralph at outside-right scored a wonderful goal, to make it 3-1, and was always working like a beaver.

Army 'A' were due to meet Nav Bharat 'A' at Sookunpo, on Wednesday, but it appeared that Nav Bharat were having difficulty in finding a team. This is the third time that they have called off their guns, and it makes one wonder if this is the only excuse that they can offer.

They are the only team that have defeated our 'A' side this season.

Two league games are still outstanding, the other one being against Recreio 'A'. The first round proper, in the Holland Cup has been drawn, and the games are: Army 'A' versus IRC 'A', Army 'B' versus the winners of the Dutch HC and Rangers.

Both games will be played at Sookunpo on April 6, bullseye off at 5.30 p.m.

On April 5, the 'six-a-side' hockey tournament gets under way at Sookunpo.

There has been a very good response from Units, and 22 teams have entered, including two from our Naval friends.

Games are scheduled to start at 2 p.m. sharp, and all three pitches will be in use.

In view of the very crowded programme that will be taking place, team Captains are requested to report to the control point not later than 1345 hrs.

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Last Saturday, at King's Park, Army 'South' won the 1958/59 Colony First Division Cricket Championship.

Their three-wicket victory over Recreio 'A' put them well clear of their pursuers, the HKCC 'Scorpions', and Kowloon Cricket Club.

'South' won the toss, and sent the Portuguese team in to bat. From the beginning the bowlers were on top, taking advantage of there being too much grass on the top of the wicket.

Took 6 Wickets

Beardsley was the most successful bowler for the Army, his final figures being: overs 14.2, maidens 3, runs 22, wickets 6.

Greenwood got plenty of life out of the pitch, and the opposing batsmen were kept busy on their toes by the pace attack.

With 52 runs to aim at Army 'South' really got down to making sure of the Championship. This they succeeded in doing for the loss of seven wickets. Robinson, and Greenwood were the highest scorers, 24 runs, coming from Robinson, and 10 from Greenwood. The final top three positions in the league are:—

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Army 'South'	20	11	0	3	40
'Scorpions'	20	10	0	4	36
IRC	20	9	2	4	35

In the same division, Army 'North' shook the 'Optimists' at Sookunpo, defeating them by two wickets.

Notable

This game was notable for two things.

The 'Optimists' score could easily have been 87, and not 187. Time and time again Crook was beating the bat, and although he finished up with the very fine analysis of five for 36, it could have been a lot more.

When Army 'North' went in to bat, much the same thing happened. The ball was still beating the bat, but what a treacherous fielding! Although Watkinson scored 45 runs, next on the list was Mr. Extras with 42. The first wicket fell at 22, 17 of which were extras.

With eight down for 142, Crook and Corfield got their noses down, and saw the necessary runs on the board. A very fine victory and well deserved.

In the second division they weren't so successful, losing to 'Centuars' by five wickets. This game was played at Mission Road.

Big Entry For French Table Tennis Tourney

Paris, April 1.

More than 150 players from 17 countries have entered the French international table tennis championships here from April 12-18, it was announced today by M. Gerard Lollier, assistant organiser of the event. The countries represented will be England, Australia, India, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, East Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Luxembourg, Portugal, United States, Vietnam and Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS



By Barry Appleby



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BOBBY WILSON... Reminiscent of the great Ellsworth Vines.

WATCH WILSON AT WIMBLEDON

By DEREK JOHN

Who will cause the biggest upset in this year's giant-lacking Wimbledon Championships?

My tip is Britain's third ranking Bobby Wilson, the fair-haired, fair-looking artist whose style and appearance is so reminiscent of the great Ellsworth Vines, 1932 Wimbledon champion.

For years Wilson has been his country's brightest prospect, but has never quite fulfilled his high promise. Now I believe he is about to experience his greatest season since he came into prominence as a junior six years ago.

First National

In London this month he won the British Covered Courts singles championship—his first national title.

Admittedly, his higher-ranking countrymen—Mike Davies and Billy Knight—were absent. But in the final he scamped the No. 1 seed, Kurt Nielsen of Denmark.

Nielsen, twice Wimbledon runner-up, had no answer to Wilson's tremendous pace, wide angled drives, solid smashes, and dipping returns of service. He was beaten 6-3, 8-6, 6-2.

In the Davis Cup, and on hard courts abroad, Wilson has been overshadowed in recent years by Davies and Knight. But, remember that he has

Two New Caps In Scotland's XI To Play England

Glasgow, April 1. Scotland have chosen two new internationals in their soccer team announced today for the match against England at Wembley stadium, London, on April 11.

They are John Dick, inside-left with the London first division club West Ham United and Duncan McKay, left-back with Glasgow Celtic.

Dick scored two goals against Arsenal last Saturday and altogether this season has netted 24 goals.

The side contains only three of the team that lost 0-4 to England in Hampden Park, Glasgow, last year—Tommy Docherty, Bobby Evans and David Herd.

Right-back Eric Caldow played when Scotland lost 1-2 at Wembley in 1957.

Willie Ormand last played for Scotland in the World Cup game against Uruguay at the end of the 1953/54 season. He has five caps, and played against England at Hampden Park in the 1953/54 season.

The Team

The team is: Bill Brown (Dundee), Duncan McKay (Celtic), Eric Caldow (Rangers), Tommy Docherty (Arsenal), Bobby Evans (Celtic), David MacKay (Tottenham Hotspur), Graham Leggat (Fulham), Bobby Collins (Everton), David Herd (Arsenal), John Dick (West Ham), Willie Ormand (Hibernian). — China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY

11KAAA Athletics Committee Meeting, Conference Room, Education Dept 8.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting of HKCCC Ladies' section, Helena May Inst. 5.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW

Tennis Colony Open Grasscourt Tennis Championship (Men's Singles final) HKCC 4.45 p.m.

55 COUNTRIES TAKING PART IN ROME GAMES

Rome, April 1. Fifty-five countries have so far accepted, in principle, invitations to compete in next year's Olympic Games in Rome, the Italian organizers announced today.

One of the latest letters of adherence received in the past few days was from the Soviet Union, they said.

The record number of countries to compete in an Olympic Games is 69, at Helsinki in 1952. There were 67 at Melbourne in 1956. —Reuter.

Rosensohn To Announce Fight Date Today

New York, April 1. Promoter Bill Rosensohn is to announce the final date for the world heavyweight boxing title fight between holder, Floyd Patterson, and Swedish challenger, Ingemar Johansson, at a press conference in his office here tomorrow.

It is understood that Rosensohn has chosen June 25 at the Yankee Stadium for the big fight. Top price for a seat is expected to be US\$100. —France-Press.

The Men On Patterson's Trail

By DENNIS HART

On January 12, two days after he lost his British and Empire heavyweight titles to Henry Cooper, Brian London decided to learn to box. Fifteen days later he was being considered for a fight with world champion Floyd Patterson. And now the bout has been fixed for May 1 at Las Vegas.

If all this sounds like Brian In Wonderland, it is—the wonderland of world-class professional boxing. Patterson, coddled by manager Cus D'Amato, is also to defend his title against another worthy opponent when later this year he tackles Ingemar Johansson.

But what sort of shape will he be in? He has not fought a top-rate opponent since he won his title by knocking out Archie Moore two years ago.

Patterson himself has doubts. After his poor showing against Roy Harris, he instructed his manager to get him more fights. Which brings us back to Brian London.

The man, who little more than strength and courage to offer in defence of his British and Empire titles, who on losing those titles to Henry Cooper promised to take himself off to the gymnasium and learn to block a straight left, is seen as the man best-suited to give Patterson a warm-up fight before the Johansson encounter.

One Of Toughest

The idea has not won universal approval. Johansson declares that his little sister would provide tougher opposition.

But...stranger things have happened in the crazy history of the world heavyweight championship. Jim Braddock got his chance at the title only because he was reckoned to be a push-over for Max Baer.

Braddock won by an overwhelming points margin.

London has not got the boxing acumen of Braddock. Patterson will treat his fight more seriously than did Baer. Yet in the mauling, brawling, blood-spattered annals of heavyweight boxing, Brian London stands out as one of the toughest characters ever to step into a ring.

He freely admits that he doesn't like fighting, that he is in the business for what he can get out of it.

Too Taut

But he gives value for money. Brian London climbs into the ring fit and ready for anything after a merciless training schedule.

Maybe he has overdone the training in the past. Boxers should be supple and relaxed. London's weight training has perhaps made his body too taut. But he is a man who learns from his mistakes.

Patterson will be in for a surprise if he expects London to land with his jutting chin, as he did against Cooper. On his way to the top, and against lesser opponents, London could afford to take everything on the

jaw in order to press home his own attacks.

He won the British and Empire titles by ignoring Joe Evers' powder-puff punches and charging in regardless.

Henry Cooper's accurate and solid lefts brought painful disillusionment. And when it comes to poking out lefts Patterson knows as much as Cooper.

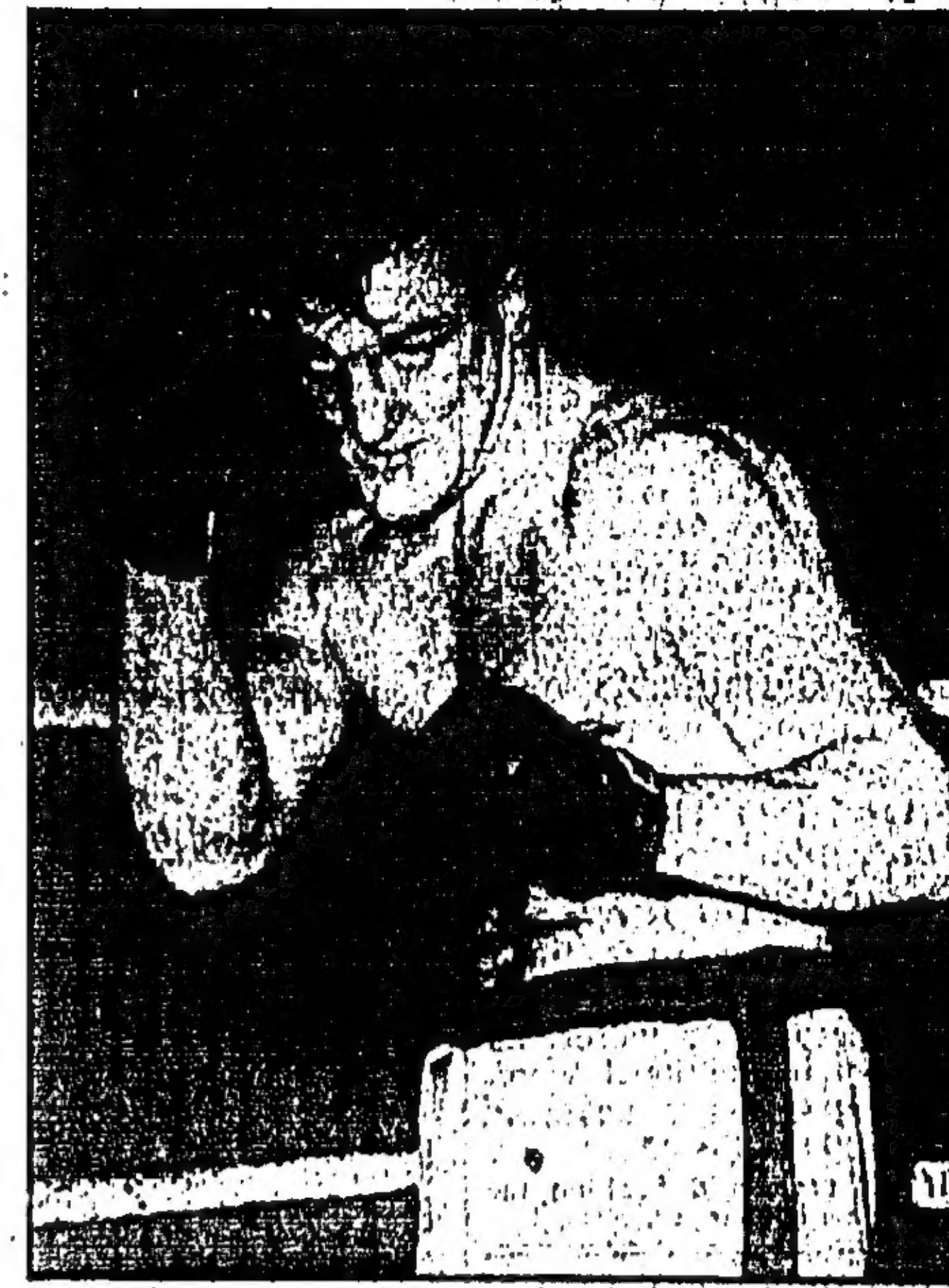
Streets Ahead

Whether he experienced enough to turn the advantage to positive account is another matter.

When battle is joined between Patterson and London, the champion will be streets ahead of his challenger in two of boxing's fundamental departments—skill and punching ability.

Against these London will pit strength and determination.

According to the book, there are not enough, not nearly enough. But...who knows? London may see an opening. And whatever his shortcomings, aggressive Brian London is not one to miss a chance. Then strength and determination come into their own.



BRIAN LONDON... Boxing's 'Alice' in Wonderland.

Peter Robbins Misses Another Rugby Tour

Newport, April 1. Peter Robbins, the England wing-forward who was recently chosen in the British Lions' rugby union team to tour Australia and New Zealand, fractured his left leg yesterday playing for the Barbarians in their 15-5 win over Newport.

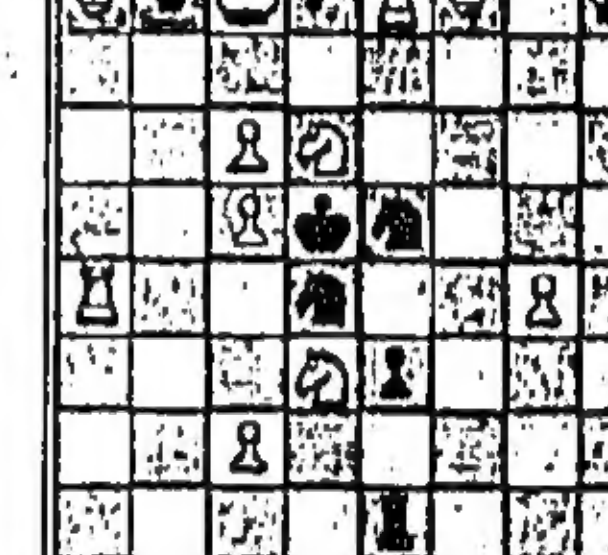
It is unlikely that Robbins will be able to undertake the tour, which begins in Australia at the end of May.

Robbins, a 28-year-old schoolmaster, is among the unluckiest players in rugby union. Two years ago he missed the Barbarians' tour of Canada because of another injury at Easter time. During the Barbarians' visit to Wales that year he injured a shoulder in a swimming pool at Funarth and had to drop out of the team which flew to Canada.

Warwickshire, who are captained by Robbins, will need a new forward and skipper for their English County Championship final against Gloucestershire at Bristol on April 11. —Chinda Mail Special.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by E. A. Wirtanen (U.S. Chess Federation, 1946). White to play and mate in two moves.
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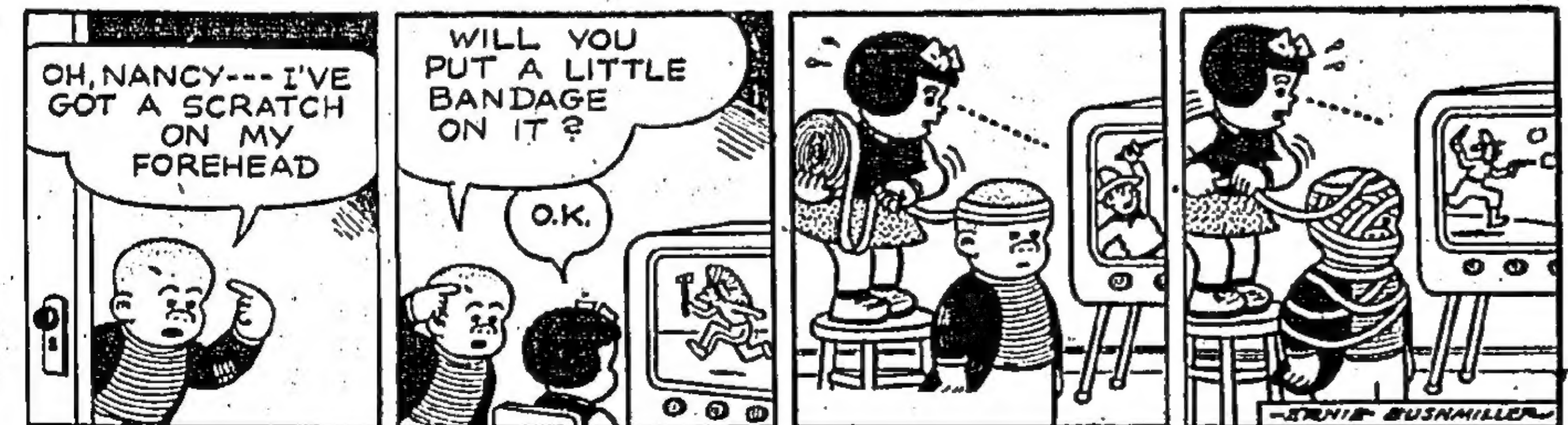
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of receiving the Report of
the Directors and Statement
of Accounts for the year
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to declare Dividends, to elect
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A Gay Old Lady May Brighten HK Soon

The Showboat Kalang, the gay old lady of Sydney Harbour, may continue her bright life in Hongkong.

Reports from Sydney say that a group of Chinese businessmen have offered more than a quarter of a million dollars for the 1,270-ton Showboat.

But so far plans for the Kalang's future in Hongkong are still vague. A drastic fall in patronage and rising operating costs have forced the Showboat's owners to withdraw her from pleasure cruises on the Harbour. The company, a four-man syndicate, is going into liquidation. A lot of people—25,000 a year from all over Australia, in fact—will regret the passing of the ship with the tall, red funnel, the dark green hull, and hundreds of white-framed windows.

No more wide-eyed youngsters cowering round her decks, asking harassed parents about Harbour landmarks.

Bikini Parades
No more of the countless romances which have begun on her moonlit water deck. No more hymn-singing socials. No more mannequins parading in bikinis. No more jazz and nightclub parties.

As Mr. Maurice Bern, managing director of the company which owns the Kalang, said:

"It's tragic but true—the Showboat has outlived her day. The folk have become blasé about her, and the patronage isn't sufficient to make her a paying proposition."

Ferry
The most auctioneers can hope to get for Kalang is between £40,000 and £50,000—though shipbuilders say a similar vessel would cost as much as £400,000 to build today. Among prospective buyers is a group of Chinese businessmen, who want to run Kalang as a ferry in Hongkong. Their original offer of £22,000.

The buyers would have to pay an extra £10,000 to have the Showboat towed across the Pacific by tug.

The ultra-smart, three-deck Kalang of today, is a far cry from the original "flat iron," with deckhouse in the middle, launched from Crickton's slips at Chester, England, in 1926.

The Kalang made her way to Sydney under her own steam in 1928, hugging coastlines and hopping from port to port.

Gathered Rust
With three sister vessels, the Kalang ran the main Harbour vehicle ferry service carrying 43 cars and wagons on each trip.

Then in March, 1932, the Harbour Bridge was opened, and the Kalang's days as a ferry were over.

For nearly six years she lay at a wharf, gathering dust and rust. Then in 1937 the Kalang emerged from the Balmain works of Sydney Ferries, Ltd., with a new look that staggered old salts of Sydney Harbour.

1,900 Passengers
She had two huge promenade decks, each nearly 200 feet by 40 feet, and kitchen, milkbar, cafe, stage, grand piano—and capacity for 1,900 passengers.

The Kalang was getting into her stride as one of the world's great showboats when the Pacific War intervened.

The Navy Department took over the Kalang, stripped her of her glamour, and sent her to New Guinea waters as a floating workshop.

Her 40-foot crane lifted many small vessels sunk by Japanese bombers.

After the war the Kalang got another facelift at the State Dockyards, Newcastle, and went back into Harbour service in 1947.

Captain
Doyen of the Kalang's skippers is Captain R. C. Scholtz, who retired last year after 33 years of piloting ferries around Sydney Harbour. Captain Scholtz said: "As a floating piece of amusement

the Kalang is still second to none.

"But with her 200-foot length and big superstructure she's awfully awkward to handle."

"Quite a few" times her 11-foot draught stranded her for a few hours on sandbanks. "After one mishap I checked with the people who make the tide calculations and found they were only 1% in error—but that was enough to strand her. "Fog was another worry. On two nights I was caught in midstream and had to nurse Kalang back to the Quay like a baby."

Greatest Day
Probably Kalang's greatest day was in February, 1954, when the Gothic brought the Queen to Sydney. With 800 sightseers on board, we took the parade of small boats up the Harbour.

The heyday of the Kalang lasted about 10 years. She was packed almost every trip, and ran winter and summer. Then abruptly business fell off. Said Mr. M. Horne, general manager of Harbour Lightering and Showboat Ltd.: "You can pick your reason—television, late closing of the pubs, more motorists on the roads."

Showgirls
In January last year the State Government began negotiating to buy Kalang.

When the deal fell through the Showboat was sold to Mr. Bern's syndicate for £10,000. The syndicate spent another £8,000 on improvements, mainly on enclosing the third top deck.

The syndicate tried all sorts of gimmicks to attract custom—vaudeville shows with nude showgirls, gay bachelor parties, elaborate dinners.

But somehow it didn't click. Last year, for the first time in her history, the Showboat had to be laid up for three of the winter months.

TARGET
How many words of four letters can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, use each letter in each of the squares only once. The large letter in the centre square, and then must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals. No foreign words. No proper nouns. No words of 40 letters or more. Words must be spelled correctly. Solution tomorrow.
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: 1. Broom, 2. Caper, 3. Diner, 4. Flier, 5. Gazer, 6. Hater, 7. Jester, 8. Kicker, 9. Loner, 10. Mower, 11. Nicer, 12. Oiler, 13. Pinner, 14. Quaker, 15. Raker, 16. Sifter, 17. Taker, 18. Usher, 19. Vicer, 20. Waker, 21. Xer, 22. Yaker, 23. Zaker, 24. Acker, 25. Biker, 26. Cider, 27. Diner, 28. Eater, 29. Fader, 30. Gader, 31. Hader, 32. Iader, 33. Jader, 34. Kader, 35. Lader, 36. Mader, 37. Nader, 38. Oader, 39. Pader, 40. Qader, 41. Rader, 42. Sader, 43. Tader, 44. Uader, 45. Vader, 46. Wader, 47. Xader, 48. Yader, 49. Zader, 50. Ader, 51. Bder, 52. Cder, 53. Dder, 54. Eder, 55. Fder, 56. Gder, 57. Hder, 58. Ider, 59. Jder, 60. Kder, 61. Lder, 62. Mder, 63. Nder, 64. Oder, 65. Pder, 66. Qder, 67. Rder, 68. Sder, 69. Tder, 70. Uder, 71. Vder, 72. Wder, 73. Xder, 74. Yder, 75. Zder, 76. Ader, 77. Bder, 78. Cder, 79. Dder, 80. Eder, 81. Fder, 82. Gder, 83. Hder, 84. Ider, 85. Jder, 86. Kder, 87. Lder, 88. Mder, 89. Nder, 90. Oder, 91. Pder, 92. Qder, 93. Rder, 94. 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A Concert The Critic Enjoys Reviewing

By ERNST GOTTSCHALK

ANOTHER French artist, cellist Bernard Michel, appeared last night on the platform of the University of the Loke Yew Hall. He was assisted at the piano by Mr. Nicholas Astrinidis. Right from the beginning it became clear that Mr. Bernard is a soloist of the front rank, being equipped with an impeccable technique which is allied to a sound musical mind.

In fact, Mr. Michel is the calibre of artist which enables the critic to sit back and enjoy the music. For Mr. Michel plays with almost an unblemished accuracy and the technical difficulties, posed in the various works, are overcome effortlessly. Above all each interpretation of the widely divergent styles, which works by Beethoven, Mozart, Bach, and Schubert, is correct and suitably contrasted.

Though I admired most Mr. Michel's effortlessness, at no time during the performance of the four compositions, which were on the programme, did one receive the impression that little thought had gone into their preparation. Each work appeared to be carefully studied and yet everything was kept flowing without being merely fluent.

The latter is always a danger with cellists of a lesser calibre than Mr. Michel because the cello does not lend itself quite so readily as other instruments to displays of fireworks. However, these were enjoyed too at de Falla's "Suite Populaire Espagnole" to which his finale had been added. Plagiarism's transposition of the composer's celebrated "Fire Dance".

At this instance, of course, pianist Astrinidis had too the opportunity to display much brilliance and technical prowess. Speaking of the pianist, one must point out that he was equal to his partner with his impeccable phrasing and musically conception.

It was indeed one of the outstanding merits of the recital that the two artists represented an almost perfect partnership.

This is of great importance when, for instance, one performs the third of Beethoven's cello sonatas, where the piano part is of equal importance to that of the cello. At the playing of this work, I noticed with pleasure as I have already at the Eccles concert, the pianist's sparing use of the pedal and later on he too showed a more varied touch, giving more colour to his refined playing.

The Beethoven sonata was the piece de resistance of the recital. In it I find the scherzo the most interesting. The main theme of it, setting the mood for the greater part of the movement, was played exceedingly well by Mr. Michel who added occasionally an appealing huskiness to the golden timbre of his instrument.

The recital was presented by Mr. Bernard Ho, who during the interval announced that the two artists will give another concert next Tuesday at Wah Yan College, Kowloon. It was, however, not said if there will be another programme. We hope so and in this case may I suggest that Mr. Michel plays for us one of Bach's "Unaccompanied Suites for Cello" or at least a part of one, for we have not heard these truly monumental compositions here for a long time, if at all.

The fervent applause which the two artists received from the fair sized audience should have assured them that many look forward to their promised second appearance.

Government will shortly be enforcing a more rigid control on the licensing of radios, it was learned today. The Postmaster-General's department, who carry out this work, is soon to be enlarged.

In addition to staff expansion, the radio licence department of the P.M.G. have on order, a radio inspection van which will add them in their work of checking on unlicensed radios. In the budget debate a fortnight ago, Col. J. D. Clarke asked for a reconsideration of collection of radio licence fees. As Col. Clarke pointed out over the last few years there has been a big increase in the number of transistor radios, imported and used in the Colony.

Regulations

A radio licensing officer told the China Mail that if a person owned only one transistor set, and no other radio receiver, a licence was required. In the case of a car radio, a separate licence is required — but this licence also allows the holder to operate a second portable or transistor set.

To find out the number of transistor radios imported into Hongkong, the China Mail contacted a number of leading importers.

The Figures

Several of the big firms producing transistors are Japanese.

Four local agents for these Japanese firms import, on average, monthly total which falls just short of the 8,000 mark. However, only about 3,000 of these are sold locally. German and American firms cannot compete in this market.

As one importer said, "I only imported a few German sets. They are expensive and good. But we cannot compete with the Japanese transistors, which are cheap and good."

One of these importers of Japanese transistor sets has been in the market for about 15 months. He said after the first few months business began to brighten up. Now he imports a monthly average of 2,000 sets to Hongkong. Forty per cent (or 800 sets) are sold locally.

Another has been in the market for a year and a half, and now imports between 2,500 and 3,000 a month. One third of these are sold locally, the importer said.

Additional Charges

Two additional charges of larceny from a vehicle were preferred against Liu Su-hong, 26, of 320 Hennessy Road, second floor, at Central this morning. He is also accused of assaulting a detective, Chung Ming-kwong, in Yun Ping Road on Saturday night.

No plea was taken and defendant was remanded two days in police custody by Mr Derek Conn.

25-HR FLIGHT TO END TOMORROW

BRITISH Overseas Airways Corporation's new jet service linking London and Europe with the Far East opens tomorrow with the arrival of the first scheduled Comet 4 flight at Kai Tak.

The Comet, due in at 9 a.m. is expected to complete the journey from London to Hongkong in a scheduled flying time of 25 1/2 hours.

The jetliner will be leaving at 10.30 a.m. after refuelling and is due to land at Tokyo just four and a half hours later. The first Comet 4 service between the Far East and London opens on Saturday. The inaugural westbound flight leaves Kai Tak at 8.45 p.m. Saturday and after travelling

US Doctor, Nurses On Mercy Trip To Vietnam

A doctor and two nurses from the United States, passed through Hongkong by air this morning on their way to Saigon, at the urgent request of the Vietnamese Government.

They will combat the backlog of tuberculosis cases at the Cho Ray Hospital at Saigon and will also demonstrate modern methods of treatment of lung diseases.

They are Dr Richard Overholt, Clinical Professor of Surgery at Tufts Medical School in Boston, Miss Kathryn O'Donnell, Chief Nurse of the Thoracic Clinic in Boston and Miss Shirley Wolf, Surgical Nurse of the University of Maryland Medical School Hospital in Baltimore.

Dr Overholt will stay in Saigon for two months. Three more doctors are to join the mission at staggered intervals up to August.

Thefts From Parked Cars

A blanket and two shirts, worth about \$160, were stolen from a private car parked in Boundary Street last night. Earlier in the day, thieves stole a camera and an exposure meter and flash equipment, valued at \$500, from a private car parked in Caroline Hill Road, outside the Indian Recreation Club.

Minister Leaves

The Philippine Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr Felixberto M. Serrano, left for Bangkok by PAA today after spending a day in Hongkong. Later he will visit Malaya and Singapore and will also attend the State Council of Ministers meeting to be held at Wellington, New Zealand from April 8 to 11.

Remanded

Leung Kwok-hung, 20, painter, of 10 Wing Fung Street, ground floor, accused of indecently assaulting a five-year-old Chinese girl on March 10 at 502 the Peak, was remanded for seven days by Mr Derek Conn at Central Magistrate's Court this morning pending a report from the Social Welfare officer.

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FIRST COMET IN NEW SERVICE

via Bangkok, Calcutta, New Delhi, Karachi, Beirut and Frankfurt is due in London before noon on Sunday. On arrival at Hongkong, the Comet 4 will be commanded by Captain Y. Jenner. Captain Jenner, who is aged 38, was educated in New Zealand and served in the RNZAF for more

THE SUBWAY OPENS



The subway opened for business this morning.—China Mail Photo.

The new pedestrian subway built to enable ferry passengers to pass under Connaught Road and thus relieve waterfront traffic congestion, was opened this morning.

Many Kowloon residents, after using it, said that the subway did not entail "too much hardship".

The bright colour scheme won approval. The subway itself is well ventilated and there are many electric lights to augment the natural sunlight that streams through the openings at the side.

While most pedestrians used the subway, a few created the road.

Extra trafficmen are, however, on duty to direct people to use the subway. Workmen are erecting railings along the kerb on both sides of this short stretch of Connaught Road to remind people of the subway crossing.

Children To Entertain At Shangri-La Ball

Chinese children in brilliant silk garments and European children in Nursery rhyme costumes will provide the entertainment for the Shangri-La Ball in aid of the Boys and Girls Clubs Association to be held at the Hercules Bay Hotel on April 10.

The Governor and Mrs Black are attending this charity function. Bookings for tables will be made by the end of this morning.

Canton In Dock

The P. & O. liner Canton entered Tsimshui drydock this morning, for a general survey and hull repairs. She will be ready for service again on April 12.

25-HR FLIGHT TO END TOMORROW

than seven years, most of it on secondment to the RAF. He joined Boac in 1946. On the final stage of its journey from Hongkong to Tokyo, the Comet 4 will be commanded by Captain D. T. Whitlam, who is one of Boac's longest-serving jet pilots.

For Captain Whitlam, who is 35, it will be the second time he has piloted a Boac Comet on an inaugural service. In 1952, he was First Officer of the crew which flew a Comet to Johannesburg on the final stage of its historic first commercial passenger service. Sub-Inspector H. Ma said a policeman noticed a large crowd in Tai Wong Street on Wednesday. Defendant was having a dispute with another man, Yip Chung, who said defendant claimed he was a policeman and wanted to search him.

FARMER ACCUSED OF MURDERING FOSTER FATHER

A New Territories farmer went on trial in the Criminal Session this morning accused of the murder of his foster father. The Crown alleges that Lam Kwong-choi, 45, stabbed Lam San-fat to death in a village in Tai-po on November 15, following a quarrel.

Mr A. Sanguinetti, Crown Counsel, told the jury that early that morning the deceased went to dispose of some grain which he used to sell to merchants. There would be evidence, he said, that accused first quarrelled with his foster mother and then with the deceased at a bus stop in the village.

Words Exchanged Certain words were exchanged between the accused and his foster father that morning and the accused was seen going into his own house and emerge a little later with three bottles which he threw at the deceased. One bottle struck the deceased, said Crown Counsel. Mr Sanguinetti said that further exchanges of words took place whereupon the accused was seen to open his coat and draw something out from underneath it.

The prisoner was seen to go up to the deceased and strike the deceased on the back. The deceased uttered some words and collapsed, said Mr Sanguinetti.

The accused then fled, but was arrested about 10 days later. The Crown case was based on direct evidence, Crown Counsel said. What transpired that morning was seen not by one witness but by a number of people.

Dr T. M. Teoh, Police Forensic Pathologist, said he performed a post-mortem examination on the deceased. He found a triangular stab wound on the back. He attributed the cause of death to shock and haemorrhage from the wound.

Great Force Dr Teoh said that "quite considerable force must have been used to cause this wound." Mr Justice C. W. Rennie is hearing the case. Defending the accused is Mr Terence Shurlock, instructed by Mr D. L. Holland-Roberts of Hastings and Co. Det. Insp. Moss is assisting Crown Counsel.

Bound Over

An unemployed youth, Loh Ting-man, 19, of 101 Bongo Street, ground floor, accused of posing as a policeman was ordered to be placed under two years' probation by Mr Derek Conn at Central Magistrate's Court this morning. Sub-Inspector H. Ma said a policeman noticed a large crowd in Tai Wong Street on Wednesday. Defendant was having a dispute with another man, Yip Chung, who said defendant claimed he was a policeman and wanted to search him.

THIS 'MR PENNYPACKER' CAME FROM HONGKONG



MR CHUNG Father of 17 By DAVID T. K. WONG

Singapore. A Hongkong-born father of 17 in Kuala Lumpur has just been chosen as Malaysia's "Mr Pennypacker." He is 65-year-old Mr Chung Ah San. The competition to find the father with the greatest number of children was held in conjunction with the screening of the comedy film "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker," starring Clifton Webb. Immediately after winning, Mr Chung told the Press that although he had so many children, he was all in favour of family planning and birth control.

"Bringing up a big family is great fun, but feeding, clothing and educating them is a serious matter," he said. Mr Chung, who is the chief clerk at a tin mine, said he came from a small Hongkong family of two. He came to Malaysia as a boy.

This Funny World



"If Professor Bosley would stick more to his work, he'd be the greatest scientist of our day."

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From the Files 25 years AGO

Among those who will be leaving the Colony by the steamer Carnarvonshire, will be Lt. Colonel T.A. Robertson, late Secretary of the Hongkong Club. Colonel Robertson is extremely popular in social and sporting circles.

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"I AM afraid I can tell you nothing about my present mission to China," said General Hans von Seeckt, world famous German military authority in Hongkong yesterday when questioned regarding his taking over of the post formerly occupied by General Wetzel, as chief military adviser to Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces.

Known as the man who started Germany along the road to military recovery after the great war, author of several authoritative books on military strategy, and on the future of Germany's armed forces, General von Seeckt is universally regarded as one of the outstanding living soldiers.

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Drastic cuts in the allowances paid to all ranks in the colonies, including Hongkong, will be made on May 1, according to information received yesterday. All officers and men will be affected. Two of the most striking features of the revised rate are that officers lost as much as \$30 a year, and a privates' weekly pay, the same day, if he were serving at Aldershot.

Two samples: Married Officers from \$4.50 a day to \$3. Rank and File: from 55 cents to 30 cents a day. Single officers from \$3.50 to \$1.45 a day, while Rank and File will be cut from ten-cents a day to nothing.

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MR H. J. Armstrong and Mr R. A. Wadson have been admitted partners in the legal firm of Deacons.

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MR W. A. Cornell has retired from the firm of Palmer and Turner and commenced practice as an architect.

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MR M. M. Watson has been made a partner of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Masters.

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An extension of the work of the Chinese Commercial Press is about to be undertaken with the completion of the new factory covering an area of 450,000 sq feet at North Point. From the very small beginning 25 years ago, the concern has become the largest of its kind in China.